

# *Duck Soup*

for Ardsley Curlers



November 24, 1948

CURLING AT LAST! Next Tuesday November 30th Grand Opening  
Dinner 6:30 P.M. at St. Andrews Club - on the ice directly  
after dinner. Mark this date ~~and~~ be sure and be there.

WILLIAM B. MAY  
SECRETARY

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FALL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The annual fall meeting of the Ardsley Curling Club will be held on Wednesday, November 3 — the day after election day — at Cuyler Stevens' apartment, #16-E, Hastings House.

The first order of business will be the election of a new Vice President. Victor Hockmeyer has reluctantly tendered his resignation as Vice President, and it will be necessary to elect a new man to this position. A nominating committee has been named, consisting of Hockmeyer (chairman), Fiske, Shaw.

This will also be the occasion for the election of new members, if there are any vacancies in the Club. A membership committee of Sothern, chairman, Gish, Warner, has been appointed. If you have any nominees for new members, applications should be sent in the usual fashion to Harold Sothern, as chairman.

Due to the fact that the Club usually has very few openings, it is well not to discuss this matter with a prospective member in a manner that would leave him to believe that the Club has many openings. It is unfortunately true that our membership has been amazingly stable in recent years, and this means we cannot take in as many men as we could before the war.

However, send Harold the applications of any men who you feel would make good additions to our group. If there are other openings, we want to make sure that we fill them with the most sterling characters in the community.

The meeting will begin shortly after eight o'clock. Park your cars on Broadway. Come down over the terrace, and the Stevens apartment is the first entry on your left at the bottom of the terrace steps, second floor, turn right, and walk in.

William B. May

## ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

The regular Full meeting of the Ardsley Curling Club as called for in the by-laws was held on November 3rd, 1948. The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:40 P.M.

Mr. Hockmeyer resigned as Vice-President of the Club and his resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. Hockmeyer as Chairman of the Nominating Committee proposed Mr. Ed. Luckett to be elected as Vice-President and further suggested that a President serve for one year only. On a motion duly made by Mr. Hastings, seconded by Mr. Ogden and carried, Secretary is to cast one ballot electing Mr. Luckett as Vice-President. It was moved by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Bickford that a President serve for one year and cannot succeed himself.

Mr. Sothern, chairman of the Membership Committee read present list of curlers and announced resignations of Mr. Gould and Mr. Rice which was accepted with regret. It was moved and carried that Mr. Sutphen be returned to active membership and Mr. Townsend be made honorary member with full privileges. It was moved by Mr. Hastings and seconded by Mr. Fiske that membership this year be thirty-three including Jim Stevenson.

It was moved by Mr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Sothern re procedure of new members, officers, dues and charges, etc. to be as follows:

Officers - "The President shall be elected each year and cannot succeed himself. The other officers shall be elected each year and cannot serve more than two (2) consecutive terms."

Dues and Charges - Omit paragraph three referring to submission of check by new members.

New Members - "Prior to the fall meeting, the chairman of the membership committee shall request nominations for membership. The membership committee shall meet each of the new members and shall present to the annual fall meeting the list of proposed new members, together with the committee's recommendations.

"If vacancies exist in the active membership after the number of the members for the ensuing year has been established, the names of all applicants shall be placed on a ballot and each active member shall vote for a number of applicants equal to the number of vacancies existing. The ballots shall be counted by the Membership Committee and all applicants shall then be listed according to the number of votes cast for each applicant. The applicants having the largest number of votes not to exceed the number of vacancies shall be declared active members and shall be so notified by the Secretary of the Club. If for any reason an applicant does not accept membership in the Club, the entire list is moved down one place, and the next ranking applicant shall be declared an active member.

"If vacancies subsequently exist, the above procedure must again be followed, since the Club has no waiting list."

It was announced that the Secretary will notify the Dobbs Ferry Bank that Mr. John H. Valentine is the new treasurer of the Club and ask them to send signature card to him.

The Chairman of the Membership Committee announced the following three people were elected new members: Messrs. Carl Von Bernuth, Al Staley, & Hugh Leighton.

Mr. Hastings reported re the trip of the various curlers that are to arrive from Scotland. It was moved by Mr. Hockmeyer, seconded by Mr. Fiske that Club guarantee \$125. to the cost of the Scots and bill each member who curls against them pro-rata for said \$125.

Mr. Fiske reported re Iceless Bonspiel and it was moved and carried to thank the President for holding the meeting at his house and for refreshments served therein.

It was moved and carried that the meeting be adjourned.

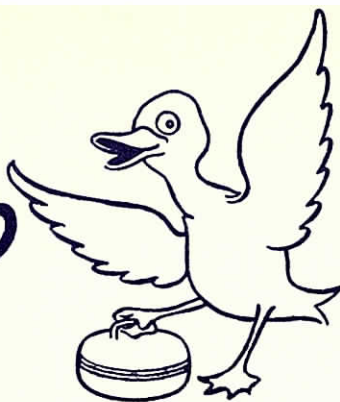
Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary



# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



December 2, 1948

## CURLING AND OPENING DINNER GREAT SUCCESS!

Tuesday evening, November 30th, the largest gathering (so I am told) in our history flocked around the St. Andrews bar at 6:30 P.M. Three or more drinks thereafter our President led us into dinner. The President called the meeting to order. Mr. Shaw (passed out) schedules of the Blanton Rinks, Utica and Playland Competitions and Wilds Rinks. Anyone wishing additional copies of these schedules, please write your secretary.

Back to the dinner! Our three new members, Messrs. von Bernuth, Staley and Leighton were duly introduced. We were then regaled by glorious singing from our Glee Club consisting of Honeysuckle Sothern and Baron von Koehl. Silent Junior Fiske introduced your secretary's father-in-law, Harry G. Flint from England, who gave us a talk on "Progression." We were glad to welcome as guests Albert W. Allen and John Lanigan. After filling our respective stomachs, we adjourned to the Ice.

After arriving on the Ice, the following Gold Star curlers: Hastings, Fiske, Stevens, Shaw, Weston, and Sothern chose rinks and a most enjoyable evening of curling ensued with the following results: Weston 9; Sothern 5; Stevens, with three rocks in last end 10; Shaw 9; and last but not least, Hastings 12; Fiske 4. Heard all over the gallery: "Who is that four bitter for Hastings? He is on the button every time." If you want to know who, write your secretary. For your information, The Curling Committee is as follows: Shaw, Fiske, Sothern, and Weston.

William B. May,  
Secretary

# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



December 8, 1948

## QUIETEST NIGHT IN OUR HISTORY!

With our strong silent one in bed recouping from his jaunt to Canada and only two matches going, hardly a whisper was heard on the Ice.

Before going on the Ice, John B. Danigan of Ardsley-on-Hudson was elected to the Club.

The two Blanton Medal Competitors last night were Hockmeyer vs. Weston and Sutphen vs. Sothern with rinks made up as follows:

Gish	Leighton
Howlett	Baker
Graaskamp	Warner
Weston	Hockmeyer
von Bernuth	Stevens
Pickard	May
Valentine	Robinson
Sutphen	Sothern

The results were Hockmeyer 13, Weston 9, Sutphen 12, Sothern 6. Honorable mention must go to Carl von Bernuth who did a great job for Sutphen, and Bob Warner who scintilated for Hockmeyer.

Do not forget this week-end Utica and Playland Competitions and Blanton Matches for December 14th are Gish vs. Howlett; Shaw vs. Wells.

WILLIAM B. MAY  
Secretary



December 16, 1948

DUCK SOUP

INGRAM MURDERS ARDSLEY!

Takes Utica Cup with Ease

This is the week when everything is shut down for repairs. The #1 sheet of ice was shut down Tuesday night to repair a leak in the pipes. Your secretary is busy repairing the membership list, of which a new and complete version is attached. Three Ardsley teams are repairing the extensive damage inflicted by Jimmy Ingram.

In the Utica-Archbald bonspiel Jimmy personally took care of all of the Ardsley rinks.

Ardsley's #1 team of Hastings, Weston, Sothern and May spent all of the time playing St. Andrews. They first knocked off Buddy Arndt by 10 - 4, and took Ted Hahn 17-5 and kicked both points after touchdown to beat Pitt Carl 14-10. In the final round Ingram won the Playland Cup by beating Addie's boys 20-3.

The #2 rink of Fiske, Sutphen, Gish, Wells beat Hartford 23-9, only to find Mr. Ingram holding a gun on them in the second round, before they went down to defeat by 15-10.

The #3 rink of Stevens, Shaw, Baker, Thorndyke, had the honor of meeting Ingram in his first match, and were knocked off by 18 to 11. With Frank Pickard substituting for Ashley, they trimmed Willy Cuthbertson 18-10, beating Hartford 16-5, and due largely to their skip's failure to lay guards on the correct side of the hog line, lost to Ty Halsted of Caledonia in the finals by 13-12..... the finals of the Archbald, that is.

BLANTON RESULTS

Shaw	10	-	Wells	1
Howlett	10	-	Gish	6

In a very odd match on the center ice, Shaw, Thorndyke, Lanigan and Weston beat Wells, Fiske and Von Bernuth by scoring one point in each of the first six ends, losing one in the 7th, getting two back in the 8th, and one in each of the last two ends, to coast in an easy winner. Walt Howlett's three-man team with Hastings and Van Alstyne went three rocks up in the first end and held their lead to beat Gish, Stevens, Pickard and Staley by 10-6. Ward Van Alstyne never curled better.

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The schedule for December 21 has Sutphen vs. Hockmeyer, Howlett vs. Shaw, and there will be a free sheet of ice for scrub matches.

Ardsley's reputation for enthusiasm and good curling attendance does not look too good so far this year, since two teams on Tuesday night were curling with only three men. If you haven't got a match scheduled for Tuesday, come around and we will arrange a good scrub competition.

### NEW LINE-UP FOR WILDS

St. Andrews has felt for some time that the Wilds competition has a tendency to drag on into the tail end of the season, and the curling committee took some action on it last week. The old schedule has been cancelled and any matches which have been played are washed out. The new schedule is designed to complete the Wilds early in February.

Teams are divided into Red and Blue. The Reds play a round robin, the Blues do the same. Then the top three Reds play a round robin and the top three Blues play off. Then the winning Red and the winning Blue teams play a best two out of three.

A new Wilds schedule will be issued, but in the meantime, here are the matches which are coming up for the next two weekends.

<u>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18</u>	<u>12:30</u>	-	Ardsley #1	vs. St. Andrews #5
			" #2	vs. Ardsley #3
<u>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19</u>	<u>10:00</u>	-	" #1	vs. Mahopac
			" #3	vs. Caledonians #3
	<u>12:30</u>	-	" #2	vs. St. Andrews #2
<u>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26</u>	<u>3:00</u>	-	" #1	vs. St. Andrews #1
			" #3	" " " #2

Cuyler Stevens

Assistant to W. B. May

p.s. Charlie Townsend has expressed an interest in doing some curling this winter. If any Blanton skips need a substitute, why not put Charlie at the head of your list for a call. He will be delighted to fill in if you give him reasonable notice.



## DUCK SOUP

December 23, 1948

MOST ENJOYABLE WILDS MATCHES ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 18TH  
AND SUNDAY DECEMBER 19TH, 1948.

Saturday's results were:

St. Andrews

Ruston  
Bradley  
Thorndike  
Locke - - - - - 8

Ardsley #2

May  
Wells  
Weston  
Fiske - - - - - 12

Ardsley #1

Koehl  
Thorndike  
Robinson  
Hastings - - - 11

Ardsley #3

Pickard  
Gish  
Shaw  
Stevens - - - - 9

We are told that in these matches, Baron von Koehl did superlative work for Hastings. On Sunday December 19th, unfortunately we haven't complete lists of the rinks. The results were: Ardsley #3 skipped by Stevens defeated Caledonia by default; Ardsley #2 skipped by Fiske defeated St. Andrews rink skipped by Pit Carle, with a report that the aforesaid Fiske had a great improvement in his rink, namely von Bernuth, doing fine work in the #1 slot; Ardsley #1 rink skipped by Hastings won over Mahopac. Results of last night's Blanton Matches were:

Stevens

Baker

Warner

Hockmeyer - - - - 6

Weston

Weld

Thorndike

Shaw - - - - - 7

Staley

Tschudy

Koehl

Sutphen - - - - - 10

Pickard

Van Alstyne

Hastings

Howlett - - - - - 11

Your President has asked me to let you know that Mr. McIntire is not an honorary member of our Club and that unfortunately, Mr. Gish's name was left off the list of the Curling Committee.

Your Secretary acknowledges with thanks the beautiful Curling picture presented to him by Mr. Koehl. For a nominal fee, he will be only too glad to allow any of our members look at same.

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Please note that you will receive your regular Curling News as in the past so disregard postal cards which you have received with reference to subscriptions.

WILLIAM B. MAY  
Secretary

DUCK SOUP

December 27th, 1948

SCOTTISH CURLERS' DINNER TUESDAY JANUARY 11TH.

Dinner is expected to be a Gala Event. Owing to the seating capacity of the St. Andrews Club, each club will be allotted a certain number of seats. Ardsley Curling Club has been allotted twenty reservations, so if you plan to attend, please fill in blank and send to Mr. Frick by return mail.

Your chances of being able to attend depend on date of arrival of your request. All reservations must be in by December 30th. Cost of dinner will be \$5.00.

A letter will go out shortly describing this entire event.

WILLIAM B. MAY,  
Secretary

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Mr. Ford Frick, President  
St. Andrews Club  
Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Frick:

I will attend dinner given for Scottish Curlers on  
Tuesday January 11th, 1948.

(sign)

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB  
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ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

SPECIAL MEETING OF CURLING CLUB TUESDAY EVENING  
JANUARY 4TH, 1948.

Meeting called to order by our President who then presented interesting statistics on the blackboard of our current membership and absentees.

On a motion duly moved, seconded, and carried it was decided to reinstate as active members Mr. Charles C. Townsend and Mr. Charles Upjohn. On a motion moved, seconded and carried, it was decided to elect two new active curlers whereupon Mr. Horace N. MacAfee and Mr. Albert W. Allen being duly moved and seconded, were elected members of the Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

WILLIAM B. MAY



FACTS ABOUT VISIT OF  
ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB

A group of twenty-five Scottish Curlers will be the guests of the six District Two Clubs of the Grand National Curling Club of America on Tuesday, January 11, at St. Andrews.

These men represent twelve curling clubs in Scotland. They are one-half of a group of fifty who are visiting Canada and the United States as guests of the Dominion Curling Association. Half of the group are touring the Western provinces of Canada. The group whom we will meet are travelling through Eastern Canada with a swing down through the three Grand National Districts.

They will be at The Country Club at Brookline on Monday, January 10. They will arrive by sleeper in New York on Tuesday morning. After breakfast at the Biltmore, they will be given a police escort from New York right out to St. Andrews.

Following is the list of curlers who are making the trip to St. Andrews.

W. Robertson - Aikman -- Captain	Scottish Ice Rink
W.S. Struthers	Scottish Ice Rink
E.A. Dunbar	Scottish Ice Rink
John Robertson	Scottish Ice Rink
W.K. Bone	Girvan
I.H. Hannah	Girvan
A.C. Mitchell	Girvan
W.H. Forbes	Girvan
Donald Clark	Inverary
G.H.N. Reid	Scottish Ice Rink
W.C.S. McGlashan (Sub-Captain)	Scottish Ice Rink
C. Marshall (Score Secretary)	Perth Ice Rink
William Niven	Perth Ice Rink
Alan Glen	Perth Ice Rink
T.W. Morris	Perth Ice Rink
Hugh Craig	Haddington
John S. Kinnear (Secretary)	Mochrum
R.B. Kerr	Haddington
Thomas Smillie	Kilmarnock Townend
Sir James Denby Roberts, Bart.	Strathallan Moath Moss
William Dalgleish	Strathallan Meath Moss
James Reid	Ayr & Alloway
James Hamilton	Orwell
Charles Gibb	Falkirk
John McLean	Strathmore

They will play nine matches - 3 at 10:30 in the morning, 3 at 2:00, and a final round at 4:00. Matches will be ten ends. Curling against them will be two teams from Ardsley, two from Caledonia, two from St. Andrews, one from Farmington, one from Hartford, and one from Mahopac.

At the conclusion of the day's curling, there will be a dinner in honor of our Scottish guests. Attendance at this dinner will be limited as explained in letters which have already been sent out by the various clubs in the District.

As you are aware, no traveller leaving Britain is permitted to carry more than a nominal amount of currency. Thus, it has been necessary for this trip to be financed - the U. S. part of it - by the Grand National and by the member clubs. This also means that much as they would like to, these Scotsmen cannot even buy any of us a drink. In order to take care of this side of our entertainment, the committee in charge of arrangements will turn over to each Scotsman a supply of bar checks good upon presentation at the St. Andrews bar. Thus it will not be necessary for the host curlers to sign for any drinks for the visitors. If you are getting a round of drinks, simply ask if you may have a drink check from each man and present this at the bar.

We hope that during the competitions there will be plenty of visitors in the gallery. Curlers' families and friends are urged to attend. It should be very colorful - probably the most interesting day of curling that has ever been held at St. Andrews.

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Arrangements are in the hands of a committee appointed by Addison Hastings who is handling things for the Grand National. His committee is Lewis Dudley of St. Andrews as Chairman, with Ford Frick of St. Andrews, Frank Baker of Caledonia, Bob Hatfield of Mahopac, and Cuyler Stevens of Ardsley. This committee will need some help and may be calling on you for assistance.

After the dinner Tuesday evening, our guests take the train to Utica where the Schenectady and Utica clubs will take them in tow the following day. On Thursday, January 13, they return to Canada and resume the Northern part of their trip..

Cuyler Stevens  
For the Committee



## DUCK SOUP

January 5, 1949

FINE TURN-OUT TUESDAY JANUARY 4TH. KEEP IT UP AND BE THERE  
TUESDAYS FOR CURLING.

Before going on the Ice, the President called a special meeting of the Club whereat Charles C. Townsend and Charles Upjohn were re-elected active members. Duck Soup welcomes back the two Charlies. Happy curling to you both! Albert W. Allen and Horace J. McAfee were then elected active members of the Club. Mr. Allen's business address is Frankfort Distillers Corporation, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, N.Y.C. - CI 6-2900; his home address is Ardsley-on-Hudson, N. Y., Irvington 9-5102. Mr. McAfee's business address is Simpson, Thatcher & Bartlett, 120 Broadway, N.Y.C. - WO 4-1900; his home address is Ardsley-on-Hudson, N. Y. - Irvington 9-1282. Please enter these names and addresses on your Curling List.

WESTON'S RINK WINS FINAL OF BLANTON CONSOLATION 16 - 6 WITH  
FINE CURLING ON THE PART OF HIS ENTIRE RINK.

Sothorn	Staley
Graaskamp	Pickard
Ogden	Stevens
Weston - - - - -16	Gish - - - - - 6

Two pick-up matches resulted in an interesting and enjoyable evening.

Townsend	Von Bernuth
Runyon	Robinson
Valentine	Wells
Hastings - - - - -7	Fiske - - - - -10

Feature of this match, so I am told, was Fiske's needling Hastings. Your reporter is informed that many years ago, two famous curlers, Messrs. Peabody and Acheson hung a certain "moniker" on our Fiske which he has tried to forget for years. A substantial reward will be given to anyone finding out this name so that we can re-christen our "silent one."

Modesty forbids me to report in detail the final match.

Van Alstyne	Shaw
Tschudy	Throckmorton
Thorndike	Upjohn
Kochl - - - - -4	May - - - - -12



# DUCK SOUP

Results of Wilds Matches Sunday January 2nd, 1949.

Ardsley #1	Hastings - - -	15	Cal. #2 - - - -	-7
Ardsley #2	Fiske - - - -	10	Cal. - - - -	-9
Ardsley #3	Stevens - - --	15	St. Andrews - -	-5

The Douglas dinner will be Friday night January 7th at St. Andrews Club at a cost of \$4.00. Everybody is invited.

WILLIAM B. MAY  
Secretary

Jan 21, 1949

### 23 Attend Curling dinner at Ardsley Club

After several Pepsi-Colas President Stevens called us in to dinner and started the evening by making sterling address wishing our Rink's better results for 2nd half of season. It was decided that we would dispense with the Curling News for this year. Our new members Messrs. McAfee and Allen were duly introduced. The President further announced that there was a great possibility that Addison Hastings would be elected President of the Grand National - here's hoping! After a delicious dinner and with due thanks to the Ardsley Club we proceeded to St. Andrews where the following Scrub Matches and one Windler Match were enjoyed by all:

Windler Match was played between Ogden & Stevens  
CLOSE & EXCITING

Ogden	Stevens
Robinson	Hockmeyer
Valentine	Baker
<u>Tschudy</u>	<u>Von Bernth</u>
6	7

### Curling - Tuesday Night Scrub Matches

Fiske	Hastings
Shaw	Wild
Van Alstyne	Richard
<u>McAfee</u>	<u>Allen</u>
5	9

The two new curlers caught on quickly.

Fish	Sutphen
Weston	Sothorn
<u>Lanigan</u>	<u>Thorndike</u>
6	15

Other two Windler matches: Hastings vs Sutphen and Fiske vs Weston will be played January 25th.

The rinks for the trips will be made up from the following panels. If you are not listed and want to go, tell Al Shaw. If you are listed but can't go, tell Al Shaw.

Schoectady (Junior)

Jan. 29 - 30

Hockmeyer

Gish

Wells

Pickard

Lanigan

Warner

Staley

Von Bernuth

Schoectady

Feb. 11 - 12 - 13

Fiske

Stevens

Sothorn

Weston

Howlett

Graaskamp

Thorndike

Staley

Brookline

Feb. 25 - 26 - 27

Ogden

Stevens

Hockmeyer

Graaskamp

Sothorn

Weston

Warner

Thorndike

Staley

REVISED WINDLER RINKS

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Ogden	Hastings	Fiske	Stevens	Suphen
Robinson	Wells	Gish	Hockmeyer	Shaw
Valentino	Kochl	Thorndike	Baker	Upjohn
Townsend	Van Alstyne	Graaskamp	Runyon	Lanigan
Tschudy	May	Stevenson	Von Bernuth	Pickard
Simmons	McAfee	Allen		

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Weston

Sothorn

Staley

Warner

Weld

WINDELER SCHEDULE

<u>Jan. 25</u>	<u>Feb. 1</u>	<u>Feb. 8</u>	<u>Feb. 15</u>	<u>Feb. 29</u>
2 vs 5	1 vs 5	1 vs 3	1 vs 2	1 vs 6
3 vs 6	2 vs 6	2 vs 4	3 vs 5	2 vs 3
	3 vs 4	5 vs 6	4 vs 6	4 vs 5

Wm. B. May  
Secretary



# Duck Soup

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January 26, 1949

## ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB TO BE CONGRATULATED!

On January 21st, 1949, Addison B. Hastings was duly elected President of The Grand National Curling Club of America and Edwin W. Fiske, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer.

Tuesday, January 25th, two Windeler matches and one Scrub match took place. The Windeler matches proved far more interesting than the scores indicate.

Staley  
Warner  
Sothorn  
Weston.....11

Allon  
Thorndike  
Gish  
Fiske.....5

May  
Kochl  
Wells  
Hastings.....11

Pichard  
Upjohn  
Shaw  
Sutphen.....7

Von Bernuth  
Howlett  
Baker.....14

McAfee  
Valentine  
Stevens.....5

So far as the Scrub match is concerned, we have had a complaint from the Utica Curling Club that the noise from this match interfered with their serious curling.

The Windeler matches for Tuesday February 1st are as follows: #1 - Ogden vs. #5 - Sutphen; #2 - Hastings vs. #6 - Weston; #3 - Fiske vs. #4 - Stevens.

Barton Eddison was good enough to donate the following poem for Duck Soup. This strangely resembles your scribe with the exception of the part relating to ending up as President.

When I was a lad I served my term  
As substitute lead in a curling firm,  
I brushed those stones with such a zip  
And polished up the handles for a well-known  
skip;  
I polished those handles with such a care  
That soon I was accepted as their Number One  
Spare.

I led that team for years and years  
And obeyed all the orders of my curling peers,  
I was always at the bidding of my team-mates'  
call  
And never thought of thinking for myself at all;  
I thought so little that they all agreed  
That I should be appointed a perennial lead.

I grew so tired with my humble lot  
That I cared very little if I curled or not,  
"Til a Past President handed me a little tip,  
"Get your own team and make yourself a skip."  
(Well, I did)  
And we never won a game, and I skipped like a  
dub,  
So, they promptly made me President of the  
Ardsley Curling Club.

Now curlers all, wherever you be,  
If you want to rise to the top of the tree,  
If your soul's not contented as a leading fool,  
Be sure to be guided by this golden rule:  
Never play lead, just skip like a dub,  
And you all may be Presidents of the Ardsley  
Curling Club.

I have been requested by several members to ask one and  
all to get to St. Andrews on time in the future.

WILLIAM B. MAY  
Secretary

RINKS FOR OUT-OF-TOWN COMPETITIONS JUST RECEIVED FROM  
AL SHAW

Rinks for Dykes Medal, Schenectady

Wells	Gish
Pickard	Hockmeyer
Staley	Townsend
Von Bernuth	Lanigan

Rinks for District Medal, February 5th and 6th

Hastings	Stevens
Fiske	Sutphen
Weston	Shaw
Sothorn	Hockmeyer

Rinks for Schenectady - February 11th, 12th, 13th.

Fiske	Stevens
Weston	Sutphen
Sothorn	May
Graaskamp	Staley



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February 2, 1949

## \*ARDSLEY RINKS REPORT FINE TIME AT SCHNECTADY!

- \* Unfortunately neither of our rinks did well in the Dykes, however, Dick Wells reports that his men did great job getting through to the finals of the Brookline Trophy where they succumbed to Schnectady #2 skipped by Reibel. Bill Gish states great time and hopes for better luck next year.

Tuesday, February 1st, the following Windeler matches were hotly contested with some fine curling turned in.

Lanigan  
Upjohn  
Shaw  
Sutphen.....10

Townsend  
Valentine  
Robinson  
Ogden.....7

McAfee  
May  
Wells  
Hastings.....9

Staley  
Warner  
Sothorn  
Weston.....7

Allen  
Graaskamp  
Gish  
Fiske.....9

Runyon  
Baker  
Hockmeyer  
Stevens.....10

The standings of the Windeler matches to date are:

Odgen #1	Won 0	Lost 2
Hastings #2	Won 2	Lost 0
Fiske #3	Won 0	Lost 2
Stevens #4	Won 2	Lost 0
Sutphen #5	Won 1	Lost 1
Weston #6	Won 1	Lost 1



Next week February 8th, Windeler Matches:

#1 Ogden	vs.	#3 Eiske
#2 Hastings	vs.	#4 Stevens
#5 Sutphen	vs.	#6 Westor.

WILLIAM B. MAY  
Secretary

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February 9, 1949

## ARDSLEY WINS DISTRICT MEDAL!

Hastings-Ardsley Rink #1 comes through with great curling to win District Medal and on to Montreal.

### ARDSLEY #1

Sothorn  
Weston  
Fiske  
Hastings

The high-lights of their continued success throughout the week-end was consistent good curling by all hands.

Your scribe has received several calls re a most embarrassing incident. At the climatic finish of the finals our hero Junior, it seems, trying to emulate a former great tennis player, rushed up to his skip (Hastings) and fondly embraced him. Curling boys, beware!

### ARDSLEY #2

Hockmeyer  
Shaw  
Sutphen  
Stevens

This rink also did fine work finally going down to Willy Cuthbertson in the semi-finals.

Last night's Windeler Matches continued their merry way (here's hoping that one Hastings keeps up his present pace).

Von Bernuth  
Runyon  
Hockmeyer  
Stevens.....5

McAfee  
May  
Wells  
Hastings.....10



Townsend  
Valentine  
Robinson  
Ogden.....10

Graaskamp  
Thorndike  
Gish  
Fiske.....13

Staley  
Warner  
Sothorn  
Weston.....7

Lanigan  
Upjohn  
Shaw  
Sutphen.....9

Standings for the Windeler Matches to date are as follows:

Ogden #1	Won 0	Lost 3
Hastings #2	Won 3	Lost 0
Fiske #3	Won 1	Lost 2
Stevens #4	Won 2	Lost 1
Sutphen #5	Won 2	Lost 1
Weston #6	Won 1	Lost 2

Next week February 15th Windeler Matches:

#1 Ogden	vs.	#2 Hastings
#3 Fiske	vs.	#5 Sutphen
#4 Stevens	vs.	#6 Weston

WILLIAM B. MAY  
Secretary

# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



February 16, 1949

ONE WINDELER MATCH PLAYED - ALL OTHERS CALLED BECAUSE OF  
WET GROUNDS

Worst conditions of all times prevents curling. The one match played by hardy souls resulted in victory for Fiske's rink.

Graaskamp  
Thorndike  
Gish  
Fiske.....9

Pickard  
Upjohn  
Shaw  
Sutphen.....4

All skips should get in touch with Curling Committee to ascertain whom they go against next Tuesday February 22nd as last night's postponements left utter confusion in Windeler schedule.

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Hastings #2	Won 3	Lost 0
Fiske #3	Won 2	Lost 2
Stevens #4	Won 2	Lost 1
Sutphen #5	Won 2	Lost 2
Weston #6	Won 1	Lost 2

SCHNECTADY CURLING CLUB GOES ALL OUT TO GIVE WONDERFUL BONSPIEL

Ardsley's two rinks had fine and successful trip.

Ardsley Rink #2

Graaskamp  
Sothorn  
Weston  
Fiske

did fine job in Emmett finally losing to Schnectady 13-10 in semi-finals where if Allah had smiled in two or three important places, the score could well have been different.



ARDSLEY RINK #1

Staley  
May  
Sutphen  
Stevens

overpowered in the first match came through to win the Mohawk defeating Hartford in the finals 21-10.

Nothing could give me more pleasure than to report that our two-bitter Al Staley (who like all poor #1's hears all season, "You're off the broom; You're wide; You're narrow; Why go through the house; Damn it all, don't hog any more!") curled beautifully throughout the entire week-end.

Also would like to record the great pleasure your roving reporter had in curling for Cuyler Stevens.

Here's hoping for better ice for the balance of the season.

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NOTE FROM CURLING COMMITTEE:

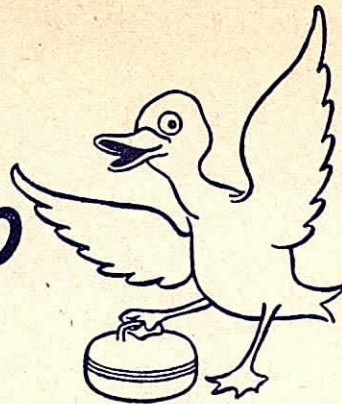
Ardsley Cup Matches will be played Tuesday, Washington's Birthday, at ten a.m. and two p.m. Your skip will keep you posted if you are needed.

Tuesday night we shall play the matches scheduled for this week -- Ogden vs. Hastings and Weston vs. Stevens.



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February 24, 1949

## MANY IMPORTANT MATCHES HELD OVER WEEK-END

Hastings Rink wins finals of Wilds Matches Saturday morning in tightly contested dog fight all the way. Hastings defeated Fiske 8-6. In the afternoon, Fiske, by changing his two-bitter (one May) came though and won 17-1. Then unfortunately on Sunday, Fiske went back to his original two-bitter and lost 10-3. All hands should duly congratulate Hastings and his rink.

Ardsley Curling Club wins Ardsley Cup on Washington's Birthday with Hastings Rink winning by the largest margin and thereby received the medals. Ardsley's total score being 59, St. Andrews 54.

## Windeler Matches Tuesday Night February 22nd.

Ice on rinks in bad shape. Two matches were played with the result that Hastings and Stevens are tied up - Stevens coming through in last end with four rocks to defeat Weston 10-9.

Townsend  
Valentine  
Robinson  
Ogden.....14

Von Bernuth  
Runyon  
Hockmeyer  
Stevens.....10

McAfee  
Von Koehl  
Wells  
Hastings.....3

Staley  
Warner  
Sothorn  
Weston.....9

Standings for Windeler Matches to date

Ogden #1	Won 1	Lost 3
Hastings #2	Won 3	Lost 1
Fiske #3	Won 2	Lost 2
Stevens #4	Won 3	Lost 1
Sutphen #5	Won 2	Lost 2
Weston #6	Won 1	Lost 3

Next Week March 1st

#1 Ogden	vs.	Weston #6
#2 Hastings	vs.	Fiske #3
#4 Stevens	vs.	Sutphen #5

The rink which is going to the Country Club at Brookline this week-end is Thorndike, Hockmeyer, Sothern and Stevens. Here's wishing them Good Luck!

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Secretary



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March 3, 1949

## ARDSLEY RINK GOES THROUGH TO THE FINALS IN STOCKTON CUP.

Curlers Thorndike, Hockmeyer, Sothern and Stevens make fine showing at Brookline unfortunately losing in last match to the Country Club. Sothern again had trials and tribulations with his back. Trust this will not keep Honey-suckle out of the low seventies when he gets back to golf.

Windeler Matches were played Tuesday March 1st leaving Stevens and Hastings all tied up with play-off match in near future.

Tschudy  
Valentine  
Robinson  
Ogden.....3

Townsend  
Warner  
Weston.....12

My reporter at this match states that Weston found the groove and did the best curling of his career (Russ, send your secretary \$5.00 for this plug.)

May  
Koehl  
Wells  
Hastings.....11

Allen  
Thorndike  
Gish  
Fiske.....9

Campbell  
Lanigan  
Upjohn  
Shaw.....3

Von Bernuth  
Baker  
Hockmeyer  
Stevens.....16



Standing of the Windeler Matches

Odgen	#1	Won 1	Lost 4
Hastings	#2	Won 4	Lost 1
Fiske	#3	Won 2	Lost 3
Stevens	#4	Won 4	Lost 1
Sutphen	#5	Won 2	Lost 3
Weston	#6	Won 2	Lost 3

Final curling dinner next Tuesday March 8th. Cocktails at 6:45 P.M. William A. Kimbel will be the honored guest and give us a lengthy talk on curling during the Blizzard of '88.

The nominating committee for new officers for next year is as follows: Al Shaw (Chairman), Ashley Thorndike and Victor Hockmeyer.

WILLIAM B. MAY  
Secretary



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March 10, 1949

FINAL CURLING DINNER HELD AT ST. ANDREWS CLUB  
March 8th, 1949

President Stevens presided and outlined the successes and failures of the past year which after due summing up, proved a great success. At this time, President Stevens should take a bow for his untiring efforts and work he has put forth to bring the aforesaid success. It has been reported to me (unfortunately not being able to be there in person) that our President referred to your scribe as being very bitter "a two-bitter and rarely, a four-bitter." Here's hoping the new Curling Committee will make it a more often four-bitter.

At the head of the table surrounding Mr. Stevens, sat Lew Dudley, Chairman of Curling Committee-St. Andrews who spoke on the condition of the ice for the past year. Addison Hastings, President-elect of Grand National Curling and Bill Kimbel (mother of Ardsley curling) spoke of the progress the Ardsley Curling Club has made during the last 75 years since he founded our club. Mr. Kimbel then presented the Windeler Medals to Ad Hastings, the winning skip. Jug Odgen thereafter graciously accepted that certain thing (paper substitute) for bringing up the rear end of the Windeler Matches.

The following slate, upon being duly proposed seconded and carried, were elected for next year.

Present -	Russell B. Weston
Vice-President-	Harold (Honeysuckle) Sothern
Secretary -	L. B. Graaskamp (Good Luck!)
Treasurer -	William H. Gish

After the dinner, the boys adjourned to the ice where an exciting match with five on a side resulted in Stevens - 5, Kimbel - 4.



Shaw  
Otto Karl Von Bernuth  
Hans Von Hockmeyer  
Fiske  
Kimbel.....4

Townsend  
Thorndike  
Pichard  
Weld  
Stevens.....5

Modesty and space forbid me to go into great detail in reporting the play-off of the Windeler Matches Friday March 4th. which resulted in Hastings rink winning 13-4.

May  
Von Koehl  
Wells  
Hastings.....13

Runyon  
Baker  
Hockmeyer  
Stevens.....4

Ad Hastings was the winning skip of the Wilds, Ardsley Medal, Windeler Matches and District Match - a great record and deserving of congratulations.

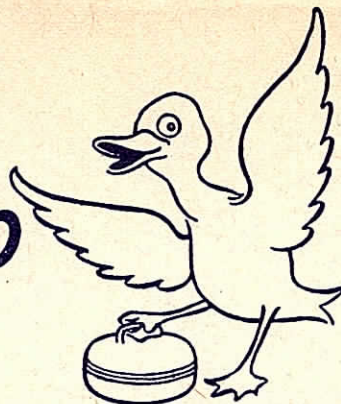
And so, I bid fond farewell to Duck Soup. May you all enjoy Grassie's writings next year and have a great season of curling.

WILLIAM B. MAY  
Secretary



# Duck Soup

## for Ardsley Curlers



March 15, 1949

### HIGH-WATER MARK OF ARDSLEY CURLING

#### Hastings, Fiske, Weston and Shaw Reach Final of Royal Caledonian

Addie Hastings' winning District Medal rink carried Ardsley's colors further than they have ever gone in the Royal Caledonian competition last weekend, reaching the final of curling's World Series, where they were beaten in a tense match on Friday evening by the St. George Curling Club of Montreal.

Harold Sothern was unable to make the trip, and Al Shaw substituted at lead. He, Russ, Eddie and Addison wasted little time with the Ottawa Curling Club, their first round opponents, bumping them out of the competition by a comfortable 12-4 margin.

In the second round Ardsley defeated Aubrey by 13-11. If you are inclined to laugh off Aubrey as a small-time curling club, do not. This rink was fresh from winning the Governor General's Trophy. But Ardsley's boys evidently hadn't read the clippings, and they came out on top in a tight match.

St. George qualified two teams for the Caledonian competition, and Ardsley met the tournament favorites on Friday morning. With the score tied at ten all in the last end, Ardsley scored the winning shot without the necessity of Addie's playing his last stone. The score was 11-10.

It was St. George again in the finals on Friday evening. Trailing by 2 on the 10th, Ardsley lay four when Skip Ken Gebbie played a beautiful draw shot through a port to lie the shot, and Gebbie stayed on top to win by 19-10.

As a consequence of this terrific showing in the Grand National season's finale, Messrs. Hastings, Fiske, Weston and Shaw now wear the second place gold medal, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

### NO LET-UP IN GORDON INTERNATIONAL

Though the United States lost the Gordon International Medal Competition by a thirty-point margin, Ardsley gave the Americans a plus margin.

Curling their 5th and 6th matches in three days, the Ardsley



rink went back on the ice and succumbed to Beauharnois 8-12 in the morning match, but came back in the afternoon and beat Van Kleeck Hill by 19-5, which gave our boys a contribution of plus 10 to the American side.

#### REVIEW OF THE YEAR

This terrific showing capped Addison Hastings' best competitive curling year. He skipped the winning District team, went to the finals of the Royal Caledonian, won the Windeler, won the Wilds, and wears the tiny medal which symbolizes the Ardsley Cup winning rink. He was also a finalist in the Utica Cup.

Further honors were added to brother Hastings' brow when he was elected President of the Grand National, with Whispering Fiske as his Secretary-Treasurer.

Competitively, Ardsley's only other medal was the Mohawk, won by Staley, May, Sutphen and Stevens. Ardsley teams reached the finals in the Utica Cup, the Archibald (we were all saddened to read of Tom Archibald's death a few weeks ago), the Dykes Consolation, the Stockton, and the Douglas.

One star in Ardsley's crown was Eddie Fiske's win against the Scotchmen, the only win of the District. Notable, also, was the completely unbelievable comeback of the teams of Ardsleyites Fiske, Hastings and Weston in the Ardsley Cup Competition with St. Andrews, where they were presented with a hopeless deficit from the morning matches, but overcame it to win by a comfortable margin.

So you can see that the events of the last weekend changed Ardsley's season from slightly above average to high success.

A word about Bud Baker's new novel "Bradford Masters". I finished it last night, and greatly enjoyed it. Bud knows what he wants to say and says it in even better fashion than last year's curling letters. I hope that each of Bud's curling friends can find time to stop off at the nearest book store and plunk down \$2.75, plus tax. It is a fine book. The last few chapters move at a terrific pace.

#### MR. LUCKETT REGRETS

It was a source of real regret to all of us when Eddie Luckett decided that he could not follow his succession from Vice President this year to President next year.

Bill May has come in for his full share of kidding for the telegraphic style of Duck Soup and his plural subjects and singular verbs. However, this was a job which Bill undertook for the single reason that he is a good soldier. We know that he was not anxious for the assignment, but nevertheless he never missed an issue of Duck Soup. He took care to record every happening in Ardsley curling and did his most conscientious job, for which he has my fullest personal thanks and those of the Club.

Jack Valentine's efficient handling of the thankless job of Treasurer has not been helped by some of St. Andrew's new bookkeeping methods. Jack has handled this work most efficiently, and passes along to his successor a well-kept set of books. Thanks, Jack.

Al Shaw was happy to act as chairman of any difficult committee assignment and handled both nominations and curling committee jobs.

As curling chairman, Al handled things with a complete lack of trouble to the president. We had good representation in every bonspiel except Utica. Al handled the assignment as if it were not a great deal of trouble, but this was just his experienced touch on a tough mission. Al rounded out his season's assignments by picking a splendid slate of officers for the 1949-50 season. He was foresighted enough to select men who would not be there at the final dinner, except for Harold Sothern, our new Vice President.

Bill Gish, our new Treasurer, will unquestionably be able to invest our funds so as to double the treasury before the year is over.

Secretary Graaskamp probably hasn't yet recovered from the shock of his election, but the grapevine tells us that he will be an extremely articulate scribe.

To Russ Weston, our new President, I can only say that I hope the 1949-50 season will shine as brightly as his new gold Caledonian medal. As far as I am concerned, my two years as President have been a great deal of fun. Thanks to everyone who helped make it so.

Cuyler Stevens