

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



September 6th, 1949

The response on the part of Ardsley Curling Club members and members of other Grand National clubs to the Iceless Bonspiel to be held at Manchester, Vermont on October first has been so enthusiastic that definite plans are now being made.

As you know, Ardsley acted as hosts at the Iceless in 1948 and we have again been given that honor for the 1949 Bonspiel. This enables us to, in part, repay the many years of hospitality we have enjoyed at these functions.

It entails the direction of the arrangements and committees to handle the details will be appointed by Eddie Fiske who is chairman of the over-all Committee, assisted by Harold Sothern as vice chairman. When we have definite information as to those who will attend, Eddie will make committee assignments which we hope you will fulfill.

You will recall that last year we donated the Ardsley cup for competition at the Iceless which stays in competition as a team prize. In addition, we will be responsible for supplying three individual medals for curlers. Farmington has donated a prize for the curling widows. We will also be hosts at a cocktail party, prior to the curling dinner on Saturday night.

In order that we may make definite arrangements with the Equinox House, it is requested that all those who plan to attend forward the enclosed postal card to Eddie Fiske at once. A closing date of September 15th for reservations is necessary.

Rates at the Equinox House are as follows:

- \$12.00 per day per person American Plan for double room,
twin beds and private bath
- \$14.00 per day per person American Plan for single room
with private bath
- \$13.00 per day per person American Plan for single room
with connecting bath
- \$10.00 per day per person American Plan for double room
with connecting bath

If you do not plan to bring your wife, efforts will be made to put two Ardsley members in a double room, unless you request otherwise.

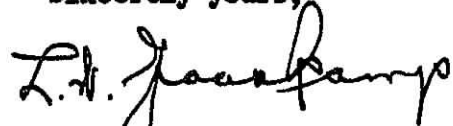
The Equinox House operates under the American Plan and arrivals on Friday afternoon in time for dinner and departures Sunday after luncheon would represent two full days from the rate standpoint.

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All of those attending the Iceless are urged to bring their Ardsley Curling jackets for the Saturday night dinner.

Your officers have no need to tell you what a beautiful golf layout awaits you at Manchester and from your earlier response when this location was first broached, are sure that there will be a large turnout of Ardsley Curlers, as well as from all other clubs in the Grand National, for the traditional good fellowship of the Iceless.

Sincerely yours,



L. W. GRAASKAMP
Secretary

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Dear Sir:

The annual opening meeting of the Ardsley Curling Club will be held at the home of Russ Weston at 8:00 p.m. on the evening of October 18th. Russ lives at the corner of Langdon and Washington in Ardsley Park.

In prior years, it has been the custom to send a post-card with this letter asking that you advise the Club as to whether you expect to curl during the coming season.

Such a post-card is not being sent since we believe that the situation facing the club must be discussed in order that you can give us guidance and we in turn can advise St. Andrews of our plans for the coming season.

We have been advised by St. Andrews that because of extensive repairs to the curling rink and because of realignment of the expense chargeable to curling, that the total cost of curling to the Ardsley Club members will have to be \$72.00 for the coming season. To date our protests and those of the other clubs using the St. Andrews rink have produced no results and in consequence, your officers feel that they can make no decision on your behalf unless they can have the benefit of a full discussion on the part of the largest possible percentage of the membership.

You are strongly urged, therefore, to let nothing interfere with your attendance at this meeting and to insure a full attendance, only beer in cans trademarked "Keglined" will be served (commercial).

Yours very truly,

L. W. Graaskamp
Secretary

LWG:aes

(DRAFT OF MINUTES - CURLING CLUB MEETING)

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The opening meeting of the Club was held at the home of President R. B. Weston at 8:00 P.M., on the evening of October 18, 1949.

All of the officers were present and the total of all members present was 25.

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The report of Retiring Treasurer John H. Valentine indicated a beginning balance, October, 1948, of \$13.42, cash receipts of \$3,683.66, disbursements of \$3,272.14, and a balance remaining after the 1948-49 curling season of \$424.94. Mr. Valentine explained that this balance did not take into account monies due for expenditures at the Iceless Bonspiel at Manchester on October 1, 1949. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Treasurer's report was approved.

Mr. Stevens made a formal report for the Planning Committee whose chairman was not present, advising that they were attempting to secure information on the cost of building rinks.

President Weston made a report on the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Grand National Curling Club of America at Manchester on October 1, 1949. The minutes of this meeting are attached and will become a part of these minutes.

Capt. E. W. Fiske, Jr. made a report on the Iceless Bonspiel at which the Ardsley Curling Club was host on October 1st at Manchester. He especially commended Mr. Robert Warner for his activities as chairman of the Arrangements Committee. He reported an attendance of approximately 60 Curlers and 20 of their wives. The Committee reports expenditures of \$19.23 for medals for the Iceless and of \$292.90 paid to the Equinox House for the cocktail party at which Ardsley was host. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was agreed that Ardsley members who attended the Iceless would

assume \$75.75 of this expenditure pro-rated, and that the Treasurer would spread these charges against their individual accounts. The balance of \$216.15 is to be paid from the Curling Club treasury.

The Secretary read to the meeting a letter of thanks from the Grand National Curling Club of America and one from Mr. R. B. Lesser, Secretary of the Schenectady Curling Club thanking the Ardsley Curling Club for their hospitality.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Ardsley Bowl is to be formally presented to the Grand National as their exclusive property with a letter setting forth the rules for its competition.

The main business of the evening was the ^{opportunity for discussion} ~~opportunity for discussion~~, namely, the feeling on the part of the St. Andrews Golf Club that the charges for individual Curlers in the 1949-50 Curling Season would have to be \$60.00, plus federal tax of \$12.00. This increase from the 1948-49 dues of \$30.00 per member, plus \$6.00 tax, is made necessary by a review of the costs of curling made by the governors of the St. Andrews Golf Club. After much discussion of the matter, the following resolution was ^{passed} ~~made~~, seconded and unanimously carried:

RESOLVED, that it is the sentiment of this club that its officers be empowered to arrange for an interview with the Curling Committee of the St. Andrews Golf Club at which meeting it is expected that the officers of the Mahopac Curling Club and the Caledonian Curling Club could be in attendance. The purpose of this meeting to be that of discussing, not only the question of the increased dues demanded, but ~~a thorough investigation of means by which savings could be made in the operation of the St. Andrews Rink,~~ ^{and that} more competition could be arranged for ~~rather than less~~, in order that curling in the metropolitan New York area might be stimulated.

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Special Meeting of the Ardsley Curling Club
Held at the Home of Russell B. Weston
on Monday Evening Nov. 21st. 1949

Meeting called to order by President Weston at 8:15 P.M. Those present: Sothern, Hastings, Picard, Shaw, Robinson, Koehl, McAfee, Sutphen, Lanagan, Van Alstyne, Stevens, Gish, Fiske, Eddison, May, Weston, Warner, Von Bernuth, Hockmeyer, Kimbel, Thorndike.

The President read letter addressed to the manager of the Ardsley Curling Club asking whether we would desire to exchange curling buttons. The President appointed Mr. Fiske to reply to this letter and negotiate with Miss Coleman in exchange of buttons.

The President gave report of meeting with St. Andrews Committee extolling the virtues of Bill Kimbel and his negotiating ability. Messrs. Weston, Kimbel, and Graaskamp represented Ardsley. After general discussion, the St. Andrews group wished to make it quite clear that the Ardsley Curlers were more than welcome on the St. Andrews rink and that they were prepared to submit to the Board of Governors of the St. Andrews Club a request that the Ardsley Curling Club be charged \$1500. plus tax. The only addition to this figure might be that we could be called upon to subscribe for a slight deficiency.

A motion was made by Baron von Koehl and seconded by Junior Fiske that we accept this tentative proposal of St. Andrews of a flat fee of \$1500. plus tax.

A motion was duly made, seconded, and carried that associate members be charged \$7.50 for this year.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that our membership be limited to thirty-five members.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the dues for 1949-50 season will be \$50. plus tax per person.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was decided to vote on the proposed twenty names for new members; each person voting from one to twenty - a name with no number or vote to be twenty-one points against and a definite no or blackball vote fifty points against a person. The above-mentioned vote was duly taken and list turned over to Mr. May, Chairman of the Admissions Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Acting Secretary

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December 14th, 1949

The first week of curling has produced its share of stiff joints, hogged stones and brilliant shots.

Eddie Fiske, skipping Ardsley #2, beat Buddy Arndt (St. Andrews #2) 14 to 5 in the first Wilds Match on December 10th. Ardsley #1 (Ad Hastings, skip) dropped two Wilds matches on December 10th and 11th by close scores. The first was lost to St. Andrews #1 (Ted Maan, skip) 14 to 13 and the second to St. Andrews #5 (Pappy Blake, skip) 13 to 11 (13 ends).
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Wilds matches for the balance of December for Ardsley Rinks are as follows:

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| Tuesday - December 20th - 8 P.M. | Ardsley #1 vs. Ardsley #2 |
| Friday - December 23rd - 8 P.M. | Ardsley #3 vs. Mahopac |
| Saturday - December 24th - 10 A.M. | Ardsley #2 vs. St. Andrews #1 |
| Saturday - December 24th - 10 A.M. | Ardsley #1 vs. St. Andrews #3 |
| Monday - December 26th - 10 A.M. | Ardsley #2 vs. St. Andrews #4 |
| Wednesday - December 28th - 8 P.M. | Ardsley #3 vs. St. Andrews #2 |
| Friday - December 30th - 8 P.M. | Ardsley #3 vs. Caledonia #1 |
| Saturday - December 31st - 10 A.M. | Ardsley #3 vs. St. Andrews #5 |
| Saturday - December 31st - 10 A.M. | Ardsley #1 vs. St. Andrews #4 |

Wilds matches must be played as scheduled or defaulted. There is a penalty of one end, one point for the first ten minutes of tardiness and of one end, one point for each additional five minutes of tardiness. Skips will advise Rink members of their assignments (Duck Soup - 12/9).

Blanton Matches - December 13th

Sothorn defeated Warner 9 to 7
 Shaw defeated Gish 12 to 11 (11 ends)
 Hockmeyer defeated Weston 12 to 8

On Tuesday, December 20th, there will be two Blanton matches - Wells vs. Sutphen in a first round match and Warner vs. Gish in the first round of the Consolation. There will also be a Wilds match - Ardsley #1 vs. Ardsley #2.

December 14th, 1949

The Utica Cup Bonspiel begins at 12:30 P.M. on Friday, December 16th at St. Andrews with the following schedule:

12:30 P.M. - Ardsley #1 vs. St. Andrews #2
12:30 P.M. - Ardsley #2 vs. Hartford
3:30 P.M. - Ardsley #3 vs. Mahopac
3:30 P.M. - Ardsley #4 vs. St. Andrews #1

There will be a Roast Beef Dinner on Friday night at \$4.00 a plate and Ash Thorndike will make your reservation if you call him by Thursday evening.

Play for the Kimbel Plaque has been revived and an Ardsley Rink made up of Ad Hastings, skip, Fiske, Weston and Shaw defeated Caledonia (the 1948 holders) on Sunday 18 to 9.

They are now accepting challenges and anyone can form a rink and list it on the bulletin board at St. Andrews and they will then automatically meet the Plaque holders in their turn. The competition was conceived to make it possible for all curlers to compete in more matches than are normally scheduled - and medals are awarded to the Rink winning the greatest number of challenge matches. Line up a rink - you will enjoy it - and if you can defeat the Plaque holders, you will then be called on to defend your position with all challengers. A sheet of ice is reserved each Sunday afternoon for these matches.

FUTURE BONSPIELS

Ardsley has been invited to send one Rink to Detroit to curl January 6th, 7th and 8th.

We will probably enter two Rinks for the Douglas Matches at St. Andrews January 13th, 14th and 15th.

We are also invited to send two Rinks to the Mitchell at Utica on January 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th.

If you can curl in any of these Bonspiels, please see Ash Thorndike.

Any one interested in Point Curling either before the Tuesday sessions or at any other time, should talk with Phil Weld. It's good sport and good practice.

Ice may be available any Sunday P.M. either for scrub matches or for two full Rinks. Call St. Andrews about 1 P.M. any Sunday - and you will be told just what the situation is.

Bills for curling dues are in the mail. St. Andrews would appreciate receiving our payment before January first. Your check at your early convenience will help meet their request.

L. W. GRAASKAMP
Secretary

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December 21st, 1949

Our first Bonspiel is behind us! Results - No wins.

The Utica Cup was won by St. Andrews #4 skipped by Mort Locke who defeated St. Andrews #5 (Carl, skip) 18 to 16 in 14 ends.

The Archbald Cap was won by Caledonia #2, Ty Halstead, skip, who defeated St. Andrews #3, (Arndt, skip) 10 to 6 in 14 ends.

Ardsley entered four rinks as follows:

| <u>Ardsley #1</u> | <u>Ardsley #2</u> | <u>Ardsley #3</u> | <u>Ardsley #4</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Lanigan | Leighton | Von Bernuth | Thayer |
| Hockmeyer | Gish | Thorndike | Staley |
| Sutphen | Shaw | Eddison | Wells |
| (skip) Kimbel | Stevens | Fiske | Hastings |

The results of their matches in the Utica were:

St. Andrews #2 (Halm) defeated Ardsley #1 15 to 12
 Mahopac #1 (Jung) defeated Ardsley #3 14 to 13 (13 ends)
 Ardsley #2 defeated Hartford (Stewart) 17 to 12 (13 ends)
 Ardsley #4 defeated St. Andrews #1 (Blake) 12 to 11
 Caledonia #2 (Halstead) defeated Ardsley #3 16 to 7
 St. Andrews #5 (Carl) defeated Ardsley #4 15 to 12

The Archbald Cap results were as follows:

Caledonia #2 (Halstead) defeated Ardsley #3 16 to 7
 Caledonia #2 (Halstead) defeated Ardsley #1 20 to 5

A very fine steak dinner at St. Andrews on the opening night of the Bonspiel attracted only four Ardsley curlers, a very poor showing, of which we can not be proud.

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December 21st, 1949

The Wilds match scheduled for December 20th between Ardsley #1 and Ardsley #2 has been postponed to December 29th.

Blanton Matches on December 20th were marked by brilliant curling and tumbling by Kinney and an international crisis precipitated by an end in which each side used but seven stones through errors by the #3's who thought all rocks had been delivered. Since no known rule covers the situation, the end was called on the basis of its score at the moment the house was disturbed.

In a first round match, Wells defeated Sutphen 12 to 10.

In the Consolation, Gish eliminated Warner 11 to 7.

On Tuesday, December 27th, Hockmeyer will curl Wells in the second round of the Blanton and Shaw will face Sothern; Weston goes against Sutphen in the second round of the consolation.

The Ardsley Giant Killers - Luckett, skip, Wells #3, Staley #2 and Von Bernuth #1 took the measure of Ad Hastings' Kimbel Plaque defenders in a match on December 18th - 13 to 10. They are now in line to meet the next challenger and we hope they will have both good luck and good curling.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !

L. W. Graaskamp
Secretary

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December 30th, 1949

Easter weather at Christmas made curling on December 27th an impossibility. Whatever curling records were or were not broken, a temperature of 62° on December 27th deserves recording.

The Blanton matches set for December 27th will be played on January 3rd. Hockmeyer will go against Wells in the second round for the Blanton Medal. In the Blanton Consolation, Shaw will face Southern and Weston takes on Sutphen in second round matches.

Wilds matches last weekend saw Ardsley chalk up two wins and one loss. On Friday, December 23rd, Ardsley #3 (Cuyler Stevens, skip) won from Mahopac (John Macfarlane, skip) in the last end 13 to 11. Rumor has it that there was yeoman effort put forth by the younger "madams", Thorndike and May, throughout the match and that Cuyler really showed his stuff in the last two ends!

On Saturday, December 24th, St. Andrews #1 (Ted Hahn, skip) gave a curling lesson to Ardsley #2 (Ed Fiske, skip). Final score - 17 to 3. Doug Thayer playing in his first interclub competition did a good job and your curling chairman, Ash Thorndike, was excellent at #2.

Ardsley #1 (Ad Hastings, skip) finally won a match (December 24th) beating St. Andrews #3 (Mort Locke) 12 to 4. His Honor, Horace Jephthah McAfee was hotter than a four inch firecracker at #1, and with Locke's crew just missing their shots, the result was never in doubt.

Wilds Matches in 1950 for Ardsley are as follows:

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| January 2nd | 10:00 A.M. | Ardsley #3 vs. St. Andrews #3 |
| January 4th | 8:00 P.M. | Ardsley #3 vs. St. Andrews #1 |
| January 6th | 8:00 P.M. | Ardsley #2 vs. Caledonia #2 |
| January 7th | 10:00 A.M. | Ardsley #2 vs. St. Andrews #5 |
| January 7th | 10:00 A.M. | Ardsley #3 vs. St. Andrews #4 |
| January 7th | 2:00 P.M. | Ardsley #1 vs. Mahopac |
| January 8th | 10:00 A.M. | Ardsley #1 vs. St. Andrews #2 |
| January 10th | 8:00 P.M. | Ardsley #2 vs. Ardsley #3 |
| January 11th | 8:00 P.M. | Ardsley #2 vs. St. Andrews #3 |
| January 11th | 8:00 P.M. | Ardsley #1 vs. Caledonia #1 |
| January 17th | 8:00 P.M. | Ardsley #1 vs. Ardsley #3 |

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Wilds Matches in 1950 - (continued)

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| January 18th | 8:00 P.M. | Ardsley #2 vs. Caledonia #1 |
| January 18th | 8:00 P.M. | Ardsley #1 vs. Caledonia #2 |
| January 20th | 8:00 P.M. | Ardsley #2 vs. Mahopac |
| January 20th | 8:00 P.M. | Ardsley #3 vs. Caledonia #2 |

Charles T. Stewart of Beacon Hill Manor, Dobbs Ferry has been elected to active membership.

The Baron von Koehl (Al to you) has been forced to turn in his broom on doctor's orders. We are all damn sorry - but are glad to know he will retain an associate membership.

St. Andrews has invited two Ardsley rinks to participate in the Douglas competition on January 13th, 14th and 15th. This is the premier Bonspiel at St. Andrews and whether you are chosen to compete or not - it will be worth your time to see as many of the matches as you can.

Here's to snappy weather and heads up curling in 1950.

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R !

L. W. Graaskamp
Secretary

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January 4th, 1950

May in December gave way to June in January and with a temperature reading in the high 50's - the semi-finals of the Blanton were played on January 3rd.

As a result, Wells meets Sothern in the finals on January 10th and Weston meets Gish in the finals of the Consolation. The third sheet of ice will be free and you are urged to come out and get into a scrub match - if you are not curling in the Blanton.

Tuesday's matches left much to be desired due to the poor condition of the ice but saw two tight matches, nevertheless.

Weston needed 11 ends to dispose of Sutphen (10 to 9) after the match had been tied three times and Dunc missed a third tie by a hairbreadth on his last stone.

Wells, (with a 3 penalty against him due to absentees) won from Hockmeyer (11 to 9 - 10 ends) after a match that seesawed back and forth.

Sothern was able to defeat Shaw (13 to 4 - 9 ends) more easily, but a series of near misses could have changed the result.

All in all, there was good curling exhibited considering the weather and ice conditions.

Wilds Matches during the past week were as follows:

12/28 - St. Andrews #2 (Arndt) defeated Ardsley #3 (Stevens).....14 to 13
12/29 - Ardsley #2 (Fiske) defeated Ardsley #1 (Hastings).....10 to 8
12/30 - Ardsley #3 (Stevens) defeated St. Andrews #5(Blake).....15 to 5
12/31 - Ardsley #1(Hastings) defeated St. Andrews #4(Carl).....12 to 10
1/2 - St. Andrews #3(Locke) defeated Ardsley #3(Stevens).....13 to 11

Ed Luckett's Giantkillers successfully defended their Kimbel Plaque position by defeating a St. Andrews Rink made up of Clarke #1, Frick #2, Ericsson #3 and Kelly, skip - 12 to 10. The report is that they won 9 out of 12 ends, so it is evident that the "Barrister" really put some big ends in against them.

January 4th, 1950

Ardsley Rinks for the Douglas Competition on January 13th, 14th and 15th are as follows:

| <u># 1</u> | <u># 2</u> |
|----------------|---------------|
| Hastings, skip | Stevens, skip |
| Fiske - #3 | Eddison - #3 |
| Weston - #2 | Sothorn - #2 |
| Wells - #1 | Shaw - #1 |

The draw has not yet been completed but it is expected that Rinks from all the Grand National clubs as well as from Canada and the Midwest will enter the Competition and the outstanding curling that has always marked this competition is expected.

The traditional Douglas Dinner will be held on Friday evening, January 13th.

Ardsley Rinks for the Mitchell Competition at Utica, January 26th, 27th and 28th are as follows:

| <u>#1</u> | <u>#2</u> |
|------------------|----------------|
| Hastings, skip | Sutphen, skip |
| Weston - #3 | Sothorn - #3 |
| Robinson - #2 | Thorndike - #2 |
| Von Bernuth - #1 | Kinney - #1 |

Ed Fiske is taking a Rink to Quebec City on January 23rd to compete in the Quebec International Bonspiel (126 Rinks competing). Eddie, who will skip, will have Shaw at 3, May at 2 and Hockmeyer leading.

It has been found impossible to arrange a Rink for the Bonspiel at Detroit this week end.

Special Notice

Ardsley will have its Mid-season dinner at St. Andrews on January 17th. Be sure to be on hand for this always enjoyable event, to be followed by scrub matches.

The Windeler matches begin January 24th. The Rinks will be announced at the dinner on the 17th.

If your telephone number on the enclosed list is not correct, let me know. Please save the list - it helps skips to check on their rinks and enables you to locate your skip and tell him of your changes in plans.

L. W. Graaskamp
Secretary

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January 12th, 1950

The first half of the 1949-'50 curling season passed into history with the finals of the Blanton Competition on Tuesday, January 10th.

Dick Wells with a rink made up of Eddison #3, Mickey Wood #2 and "Vancouver" Bob Reed #1, won the Blanton Medal from Harold Sothern. "One Shots" rink was Thorndike #3, Koehl #2 and Leighton #1. Staley substituted for Koehl in the final match. The score - 11 to 8 in 12 ends. Reed and Mickey Wood were towers of strength for Wells - and except for one 4 end that Wells concocted the match was hotly contested.

The Consolation Medals go to Bill Gish and his rink, Stevens #3, Graaskamp #2 and Nash #1. They defeated Weston 21 to 7 in 11 ends. Weston had Luckett at #3, Von Bermuth at #2 and McAfee at #1. Charley Nash was a hot potatoe after the first four ends and his yeoman efforts played a large part in Gish's victory. Even when Charley falls down he is a careful workman and doesn't block the stone he is sweeping!

Wilds' results for the last week are as follows;

- January 7th - St. Andrews #4 (Carl) defeated Ardsley #3 (Stevens) 11 to 10
- ** January 7th - St. Andrews #5 (Blake) won from Ardsley #2 (Fiske) by default.
- January 8th - Ardsley #1 (Hastings) defeated St. Andrews #2 (Arndt) 11 to 8

** your secretary is advised that this default may not stand due to misunderstanding as to ice conditions.

Luckett's Giantkillers hung another scalp on their belt on January 8th in the Kimbel. They defeated last year's Kimbel winners skipped by Carl 17 to 9 in 13 ends. Carl's rink was Rusten #1, Chambers #2 and McCullough #3.

January 12th, 1950

The Douglas Competition gets under way January 13th with Ardsley #1 playing their first match at 9 A.M. and Ardsley #2 going on the ice at 12 noon.

The finals will be at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 15th. You will miss seeing great curling if you don't get out to watch these matches. The Douglas dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 13th.

The mid-season dinner on Tuesday, January 17th is a must. Activities under the clock begin at 7 p.m.; food at 7:30 p.m. Scrub matches will follow and arrangements will be made so all can play.

Windler Rinks will be announced at the dinner and play in the Windler will begin Tuesday, January 24th.

L. W. Graaskamp
Secretary

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* Note: Please change the business telephone numbers on the Membership List sent you last week as follows:

Albert E. Koehl to..... MU 8-2627

Edward H. Luckett to MU 3-8440

Mr. Koehl's address should also be changed to 22 East 47th Street
New York, N. Y.

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January 19th, 1950

The Mid-season Dinner saw twenty-five well fed and happy curlers on hand for what was a very festive affair. If you missed it, you will never hear the outstanding limericks with which Bill May was saluted as a prelude to his conquest of Quebec City. The symbolic and antique objet d'art presented to him by Baron von Koehl was greatly admired.

Play in the Windeler Competition will begin on January 24th when Hastings meets Wells; Stevens meets Kimbel and Luckett meets Fiske. The competition is a Round Robin and will run for five weeks.

Rinks are as follows:

| #1 | #2 | #3 | #4 | #5 | #6 |
|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Hastings | Wells | Stevens | Kimbel | Luckett | Fiske |
| Gish | Eddison | Shaw | Weston | Sutphen | Sothorn |
| Staley | May | Thorndike | Hockmeyer | Warner | Robinson |
| Kinney | Weld | Van Alostne | Graaskamp | Von Bernuth | Wood, B.R. |
| Thayer | Wood, C.M. | Stewart | Reed | Lanigan | Bickford |
| Leighton | | Allen | McAfee | Townsend | |

Let your Skip know well in advance if you can't be on hand for any Tuesday.

Three Wilds matches have been played since last Tuesday -

January 11th - Caledonia #1 (Baker) defeated Ardsley #1 (Hastings) 12 to 6. Willie Cuthbertson curled magnificently and his rink deserved to win.

January 11th - St. Andrews #3 (Locke) defeated Ardsley #2 (Fiske) 9 to 8 on Mort Locke's last stone.

January 17th - Ardsley #1 (Hastings) defeated Ardsley #3 (Stevens) 11 to 6 in a well played match.

On Tuesday there were two scrub matches - Thorndike supported by Graaskamp #3, Von Bernuth #2 and Stewart #1 defeated Koehl who had Shaw #3, McAfee #2 and Wood #1 - 9 to 3 in eight ends. Hockmeyer with May #3, Van Alstyné #2 and Nash #1 defeated Weston with Kinney #3, Thayer #2 and Townsend #1 - 7 to 6 in eight ends. Both the skipping and curling may have lacked professional skill, but everyone had fun.

January 19th, 1950

The Douglas Competition lived up to all advance notices for good curling and good fellowship. Ardsley offers its congratulations to Lin Ericassen and his Curling Committee for a well run and thoroughly enjoyable Bonspiel. At least eleven Ardsleyites enjoyed the Bonspiel dinner on Friday and our representatives on the ice were a credit to both the club and to the company with which they were in competition.

Ardsley #1 with Hastings as skip, Fiske at #3, Weston at #2 and Wells at #4 were eliminated from the Douglas by Winchester, skipped by John Joy in their opening match, 11 to 9. They then went through the Griffith Competition and were defeated in the finals by St. Andrews #4 skipped by Ted Hahn by a score of 14 to 13. The match was excellent and the two rinks gave a fine exhibition throughout. Hahn spotted Hastings a 7 stone lead in the first five ends and then came from behind all the way.

At the beginning of the 14th end the score was Ardsley 13, St. Andrews 12, but when the smoke cleared away there were two blue stones lying, Hastings having missed his last shot by a hair.

To reach the finals, Ardsley #1 had defeated Royal Montreal skipped by the beloved Lem Cushing 14 to 7; then Utica #1 skipped by McCathy 16 to 10 and Schenectady #2, skipped by Rollie Ried, 11 to 8.

Ardsley #2, skipped by Stevens with Eddison #3, Sothorn #2 and Shaw #1, won their first Douglas Match from The Country Club #1, skipped by Wardwell 12 to 10.

In their second match they came up against the two time Douglas winner Ross Tarlton (who was to go on to win his third successive Douglas) and his Hamilton Thistle rink. Cuyler and his lads gave a sterling account of themselves but the Hamilton "brithers" were too good for them and they ended up on the short end of a 15 to 10 score.

The final Douglas Match between Mahopac (Jock Macfarlane) and the Thistles started out to be a corker with the Thistles behind for the first three or four ends. After that, the perfection of Tarlton's skipping and his rink's performance was too much for Jock and the final score (14 ends) was 20 to 7.

Tarlton's rink was made up of Gerrie at #1, Cassels at #2 and Cross at #3 and their curling throughout the Bonspiel was a joy to behold. To this tyro, at least, there is no question that the best rink won. More power to them!

Half the season is over! The Treasurer reports that there are a few who have not yet paid their dues. Let us have the lettuce...please.

LWG:aes

L. W. Graaskamp
Secretary

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



January 25th, 1950

The first Windler matches on Tuesday were closely contested and the Competition promises to be most enjoyable.

Hastings with Gish #3, Staley #2 and Kinney #1 defeated Wells with Eddison #3, Nash #2 and Thayer #1 - 13 to 9.

Lockett with Warner #3, Von Bernuth #2 and Lanigan #1 beat Sothorn (skipping for Fiske) with Robinson #3, Wood #2 and Leighton #1 - 12 to 9.

Kimbel with Weston #3, Graaskamp #2 and Reed #1 defeated Stevens with Thorndike #3, Van Alostne #2 and Stewart #1 - 12 to 10.

Future Windler Matches

January 31st - Hastings plays Stevens; Wells goes against Lockett and Kimbel takes on Fiske.

February 7th - Hastings vs. Kimbel; Wells vs. Fiske and Stevens vs. Lockett.

February 14th - Hastings vs. Lockett; Wells vs. Kimbel and Stevens vs. Fiske.

February 21st - Hastings vs. Fiske; Wells vs. Stevens and Kimbel vs. Lockett.

There is only one substitute on each Windler rink and it is imperative that you let your Skip know if you are unavailable for any Tuesday.

Two Ardsley Rinks are competing in the Mitchell Competition at Utica this weekend. The brethren making the jaunt are Leighton, Thorndike and Kimbel curling in Dunc Sutphen's rink in that order and Von Bernuth, Warner and Weston who will be skipped by Hastings.

A Wilds match on January 18th was won by Ardsley #2 (Kimbel skipping for Fiske) with Hockmeyer #3, Shaw #2, B. R. Wood #1 from Caledonia #1 (Baker, skip) 14 to 8.

January 25th, 1950

Ed Lockett's Giantkillers were finally cut down to size by "the little man" Mort Locke in a Kimbel Plaque match on January 22nd. Locke's 15 rocks to Lockett's 12 indicate that the St. Andrew's curlers found Lockett's rink good competition.

St. Andrews has invited two Ardsley rinks to compete in the Dykes Competition beginning Friday, February 3rd. The Curling Committee announces the following rinks:

| | <u>Ardsley #1</u> | <u>Ardsley #2</u> |
|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Skip | Wells | Gish |
| #3 | Warner | Thorndike |
| #2 | Hockmeyer | Sothorn |
| #1 | Van Alystne | Graaskamp |

The draw has not been completed and the Skips will announce to their rinks the time of the first matches.

Advice from Quebec is to the effect that M. Fiske and his entourage won their first match and dropped the next two. It would appear that opening a Bonspiel with prayer was not especially salubrious for this aggregation.

L. W. Graaskamp
Secretary

LWG:aes

* Please note on your copy of the Membership List
Mr. Charles T. Stewart's business phone HA-2-3000

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



February 3rd, 1950

The second round of the Windeler found all the losers stuck with a score of 5. Hastings defeated Stevens 10 to 5, Wells got 9 against Lockett's 5 and Kimbel piled up 11 against 5 for Fiske.

The standings in the Windler are:

| | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
|----------|------------|-------------|
| Hastings | 2 | 0 |
| Lockett | 1 | 1 |
| Kimbel | 2 | 0 |
| Stevens | 0 | 2 |
| Wells | 1 | 1 |
| Fiske | 0 | 2 |

On February 7th Hastings meets Kimbel; Wells meets Fiske and Stevens meets Lockett. Help out your Skip by being on hand or advising him of your absence early.

Les Canadiens, M. Fiske, M. Shaw, M. May and M. Hockmeyer (Abbattoir and Victoire to Quebec and to you) did not get prayed over as reported last week - they were much too busy ! They report a continuous round of entertainment and curling that surpassed any Bonspiel of their experience.

They played eight matches and ended up with 4 wins and 4 losses. In between curling events they are alleged to have slept not long nor fitfully for they were engaged in making Ardsley famous as button traders, dancers, judges of potables - and M. Fiske even made public speeches in French and English by request (not of his rink mates).

February 3rd, 1950

Their return to St. Andrews ice with emblems sewed on their jackets (fore and aft) and Fiske with medals decorating his back, indicates that they have formed an aristocracy to which only "he men" who have braved the heights of Quebec and met waitress "Numero Cinq" will be admitted.

While "Les Canadians" were cavorting, eight other Ardsleyites were at Utica where 32 rinks (14 of them Canadian) were competing in the Mitchell, Allen, Country Club and Dewar competitions.

While less colorful than Quebec, it was a very well run competition. Ardsley #1 skipped by Hastings was eliminated from the Mitchell by Ottawa and from the Allen by Schenectady. They won their first match in the Country Club competition from Kingston, Ont. and were then defeated by the Montreal Heather Club.

Ardsley #2 skipped by Dunc Sutphen, were the iron men playing seven matches in three days and going to the finals in the Dewar competition. They lost their first three matches to St. George (Canada), Schenectady and Indian Hill. In the Dewar they then won from Hartford, from Kingston (Ont.) and from the Ottawa Curling Club but met their Waterloo when the Galt (Ont.) Club gave a demonstration of the fast take out game. Bill Kimbel skipped the last three matches.

All those at Utica report a fine time and Leighton, at least, found out that some curlers make it an avocation. When the vice skip of St. George reported he had curled twice a day all winter, Hugh proudly announced that he had just delivered the first "out turn" of his career in the match they had just finished.

Every Eden, alas, must have its serpent ! None other than our esteemed "Brither" and Grand National president, "Ad" Hastings, appears to have been guilty of unseemly conduct. Had this been the result of strong drink it might have been condoned, but since it appears to have been compounded of subversive activities the matter is to be brought before the Club at its final dinner for proper adjudication. The charges are leveled by the members of the "Ardsley #2 Rink" at Utica and in support of their position they wish to place on record the following true copy of the affidavit they obtained from Darcy Finn, skip of the Ottawa rink which defeated Ad and later lost to Bill Kimbel.

"To forestall any misunderstanding in the Ardsley Club, this is to acknowledge that Bill Kimbel and his rink were the stiffest opposition we met in the Utica Bonspiel and they walloped us on their merits, any opinion of the President of the Grand National to the contrary notwithstanding.

/s/ Darcy Finn
Ottawa

Attested: John W. Calder
R. Ward Mining

"

The Dykes Competition is on this weekend at St. Andrews and the Schenectady Bonspiel is scheduled for next weekend.

LWG:aes

L. W. Graaskamp
Secretary

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



February 9th, 1950

Ardsley has had a great week of curling! For the first time in its history it has won the Dykes Trophy, in an all Ardsley finish.

Dick Wells, with a rink made up of Warner #3, Hockmeyer #2 and Van Alystne #1 won the medal in a hard fought match with Ardsley's #2 rink skipped by Gish, with Thorndike at #3, Sothern at #2 and Graaskamp lead.

To reach the finals Dick had to face Caledonia #2 where he came from behind to win 13 to 10. He then met St. Andrews #2 and won 11 to 8 and the Country Club #2 where the score was 11 to 10.

Gish, first met Utica #1 and won 9 to 6. His next opponent was Winchester and in a 13 end match he won 9 to 8 (all three matches being played on that Friday night went to 13 ends because of ties). In the semi-finals he (Gish) defeated Caledonia #1 - 12 to 6.

The final match (14 ends) was much closer than the 14 to 10 score indicated. Gish led by one stone at the beginning of the 13th end and Wells again came from behind to win the end by two, and again won the 14th end by three rocks.

There wasn't a muscle or joint in the gang that didn't ache but they all agreed that Ardsley had given Ardsley - not only a good battle but a hard won trophy.

Tuesday night's Windler Matches put this competition into the last heats. Lockett beat Stevens 10 to 7; Fiske beat Wells (Eddison, skip) 17 to 6 and Hastings beat Kimbel 9 to 8.

The standings in the Windler are:

| | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
|----------------|------------|-------------|
| Hastings | 3 | 0 |
| Lockett | 2 | 1 |
| Kimbel | 2 | 1 |
| Wells | 1 | 2 |
| Fiske | 1 | 2 |
| Stevens | 0 | 3 |

February 9th, 1950

On February 14th, Hastings meets Luckett; Wells meets Kimbel and Stevens meets Fiske.

Ardasley will have a rink at Schenectady this week competing in both the Gordon and the Emmett Competitions.

We have accepted an invitation from St. Andrews to enter two rinks in the District Champion Rink Matches on February 18th and 19th. The Curling Committee points out that those chosen for this competition should be prepared to also curl at Montreal on March 10th and 11th in the Royal Caledonian, since the winners of the District Matches are automatically entered for this event.

Your secretary is considering the advisability of expanding "Duck Soup" by a "Letters to the Editor" department. Our esteemed "brither" Ad Hastings has submitted a most vigorous defense to the charges mentioned last week of subversive activities at Utica.

He accuses Bill Kimbel of "inaccuracy" and skirts the laws of libel most adroitly by hinting that the "true copy" (the quotation marks are Addie's) shows Mr. Finn's signature as Davy, whereas his name is Darcy; and that the attestor, Mr. Mining is none other than our old friend R. Ward Murray.

He further points out that in disposing of Mr. Finn's rink, Bill had not only the physical comfort, but the psychological advantage of wearing the aggrieved Mr. Hastings' curling jacket which resulted - and we quote Mr. Hastings, "in curling which the writer acknowledges was of the highest caliber".

Your secretary submits that while there are two sides to the argument, the evidence submitted to date strongly indicates that the alleged subversion which is now so vehemently denied can only be judged by a jury of their peers. Since every member of the Club, not a senior skip, knows that all skips lack the gray matter with which God has endowed the lower classes (#1's, 2's and 3's) and that this is true, either on or off the ice, no other course is left - if the unity of the Club is to be preserved - than for the entire matter to be aired under legal rules at the final dinner, with skips present but only holding brooms, and their juniors hurling questions and judgments, with the same fine abandon and disregard of skips - that they always show when on the ice.

LWG:aes

L. W. Graaskamp
Secretary

GRAND NATIONAL CURLING CLUB OF AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

February 10, 1950

Pursuant to due notice, the Eighty-fourth Annual Meeting was held at the Van Curler Hotel, Schenectady, N. Y. on February 10, 1950. The meeting was called to order at 8:45 P.M. by President A. B. Hastings.

The minutes of the Eighty-third Annual Meeting, dated January 21, 1949, were read and approved.

The reports of the Treasurer and Auditing Committee were read and approved.

The report of the Executive Committee, held February 10, 1950, was read and approved. It was moved, seconded and carried that the action of the Executive Committee in their meeting be approved by all members of the Grand National.

There was no unfinished business.

The report of the President was read and approved, and is attached hereto.

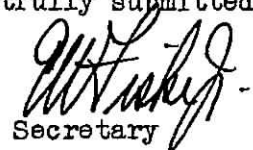
Mr. Henry Sheperd, for the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, placed in nomination the following names to be officers of the Grand National Curling Club for the ensuing year:

| | | |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|
| A. B. Hastings | - | President |
| L. T. Hill | - | First Vice-President |
| Richard P. Davis | - | Second Vice-President |
| E. W. Fiske, Jr. | - | Secretary-Treasurer |

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for this slate of officers. The Secretary reported that he had done as directed and all candidates were declared elected to these offices April 1, 1950 for the ensuing year.

There being no new business, it was voted to adjourn at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

GRAND NATIONAL CURLING CLUB OF AMERICA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 10, 1950

Pursuant to due notice, a meeting of the Executive Committee, together with officers of the Club, was held at the Mohawk Club in Schenectady, N. Y., on February 10, 1950. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by President A. B. Hastings. Present were:

A. B. Hastings - President
L. T. Hill - First Vice-President
Richard P. Davis - Second Vice-President
E. W. Fiske, Jr. - Secretary-Treasurer

Executive Committee

| <u>Clubs</u> | <u>Representatives</u> | <u>Proxies</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Ardsley Curling Club | | E. W. Fiske, Jr. |
| Boston Curling Club | R. F. Guild | |
| The Country Club | L. T. Hill | |
| Detroit Curling Club | | |
| Farmington Curling Club | Henry Sheperd | |
| Hartford Curling Club | J. Ernest Stewart | |
| Mahopac Curling Club | | E. W. Fiske, Jr. |
| Nashua Country Club | | E. W. Fiske, Jr. |
| New York Caledonia Curling Club | William Cuthbertson | |
| St. Andrew's Golf Club | Lindsay W. Ericsson | |
| Saranac Lake Curling Club | | E. W. Fiske, Jr. |
| Schenectady Curling Club | R. P. Davis | |
| Utica Curling Club | J. W. Calder | |
| Winchester Country Club | Franklin J. Lane | |

The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of October 1, 1949 were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer was read and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was resolved that the Treasurer's report and accounts be accepted as approved by the Auditing Committee.

The following report of the Trophy Committee:

"The Trophy Committee, which is composed of Messrs. McMillan (chairman), Foster, Ten Eyck and Clarke has purchased, or is in the process of purchasing, pins for all of the Grand National events for the season 1949-1950. This includes the Tom Archibald Cup, the Utica Cup, the Douglas Medal, the Griffith Medal, the Allen Medal, the Mitchell Medal, the Country Club Cup, the Dykes Medal, the Brookline Cup, the Gordon Medal, the Emmett Medal, the Mohawk Trophy, the District Medals and the Gordon International Medal.

"In most cases we have not only purchased pins for the current year, but have purchased additional pins in order to save expenses in the year to follow.

"There was considerable difficulty in locating a number of the trophies. While technically perhaps the winning rink is entitled to take the trophy it wins with it, this presents a good deal of difficulty. A few, but far from all, of the clubs in the Grand National have 'homes' and in particular 'homes' in which cups may be held and displayed. This is not true, however, of a number of other clubs such as Caledonian, Mahopac, Ardsley and the like. A trophy is won by a rink - not by an individual. If the individual skip or some member of his rink carries away the trophy to his home, there is a great deal of difficulty in getting it back. This is particularly so if the individual happens to be away or dead.

"In view of the foregoing, the Trophy Committee would like to recommend that the cups and medals remain in the possession of the clubs at which they are played for, and further, that the clubs be held responsible for the safe-keeping of the cups and medals and for producing them each year. For example, this would result in the following being left at St. Andrew's: Tom Archibald Cup, Utica Cup, Douglas Medal and Griffith Medal. The Utica Club would be responsible for the Allen Medal, the Mitchell Medal and The Country Club Cup. Schenectady would be responsible for the Gordon Medal, Emmett Medal and the Mohawk. The Dykes Medal which, of course, is played for at different clubs each year, would be held at the club at which it was last played for - in the year 1950, St. Andrew's.

"Your Trophy Committee has had a great deal of difficulty in locating the various cups and medals, but we believe that they have all been found. The marking on all of them has been brought up to date - in several cases it was two or three years behind - up to the time of the playing of the January Bonspiel at Utica. In one or two cases new bases have had to be built because all available marking space was used up. Another thought which occurred to the Trophy Committee is that some of the medals should be redesigned, since, in the opinion of the committee, they are not particularly distinctive or good-looking. Your committee, of course, has no knowledge of the tradition behind some of these pins. The Mitchell, the Brookline, the Gordon, the Allen and some others appear to be distinctive and satisfactory. We question, however, certain others such as the Utica and the Emmett. In regard to the last named, it simply shows a picture of a man surrounded by a wreath. There is nothing whatever on it to indicate what the medal is - it might be almost anything. Most of the emblems have been purchased for the coming year. However, in the future, it might be well to re-examine all of the various pins and see which need redesigning. We recommend this with the full knowledge that the making of dies is an expensive operation which might entail considerable initial expense.

"The committee might also make one further recommendation and that is that the winning skips be held strictly responsible to the Trophy Committee for the exact spelling of the names of the men on their rinks. We have found that the Secretary's records are often not too exact, and when it comes to marking the trophy, this has been an annoying handicap."

was read and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was approved.

The Ardsley Curling Club offered to the Grand National Curling Club of America the Ardsley Bowl as a trophy for the golf competition at the Annual Iceless Bonspiel. An entry fee of \$1.00 is to be charged each contestant, said sum to go to the Grand National. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was resolved to accept the Ardsley Bowl, subject to Rules Committee approval.

The Secretary was directed to write a letter of thanks to the Ardsley Curling Club for their generous offer.

President Hastings appointed a committee composed of Mr. William Cuthbertson, Chairman, Mr. J. W. Calder and Mr. J. E. Steward, to direct future play for the Bell Medal.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was resolved to pay to the Royal Caledonia Curling Club dues of five cents for each member of the Grand National Curling Club of America.

The following resolution was offered by the Utica Curling Club that the Dewar Trophy be presented for competition in the Annual Bonspiel at Utica:

RESOLUTION - Whereas John Dewar and Sons, Ltd. presented the Dewar Curling Trophy to the Grand National Curling Club of America in 1900 for competition between the member Clubs and Whereas the Utica Curling Club became the permanent possessor of the Dewar Curling Trophy in 1908 by virtue of having won it for the third time and Whereas the Board of Directors of the Utica Curling Club desire that this trophy again be placed in annual competition. Be it resolved: That the Dewar Trophy be hereby offered to the Grand National Curling Club of America to be placed in competition at the annual bonspiel at Utica, New York, under such terms and conditions as may be established from time to time by the Utica Curling Club and further that the annual winner of the Dewar Trophy be presented with suitable individual winners' pins and further: that the custody of the Dewar Trophy shall remain with the Utica Curling Club.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the resolution was adopted. The Secretary was directed to write a letter of thanks to the Utica Curling Club for offering the Dewar Trophy.

The following resolution offered by the Utica Curling Club:

RESOLUTION - Be it resolved that the Grand National Curling Club of America be requested to annually supply for additional individual Mitchell winners pins to be identical to the present winners pins except for change in color and that such new pins be presented to the losers of the final match for the Mitchell Medal (runner-up) and further:
That the Utica Curling Club guarantee the payment for the four additional pins for the 1950 Contest.

upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, was adopted.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was voted to designate the place for the next Annual Meeting, at the Executive Committee Meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the next Iceless Bonspiel.

Mr. Cuyler Stevens, Chairman of the Rules Committee, presented suggested revised new rules of play for the Grand National Curling Club of America. A copy of these suggested rules of play was given to every club representative present and the Secretary was directed to send a copy to those clubs not represented at the meeting. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was recommended that all clubs ratify these rules of play and that ratification by three-quarters of the member clubs would automatically place the new rules in effect. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, a vote of thanks was given to the Rules Committee for the excellent job they had done.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was agreed that all cups and medals are to be left in possession of the host club, with each host club being responsible for their safekeeping and proper marking and engraving. The only exception to this resolution to be the Dykes Medal and the Brookline Trophy, which are to remain in the custody of the club of the winning rink, and it is to be the responsibility of the winning rink to see that the medal is properly engraved and marked before being placed in competition the next year.

On behalf of the St. Andrew's Golf Club, Mr. Ericsson submitted the following resolution: ---

That the Playland Cup be reinstituted as the consolation award in connection with the Utica Cup instead of the Tom Archibald Cap. The Playland Cup is the oldest curling trophy in connection with curling at St. Andrew's and for this reason it is felt it should be returned to competition.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was voted to refer this resolution to the Trophy Committee with a request that they report at the Executive Committee Meeting at the Iceless Bonspiel.

Mr. Ericsson of St. Andrew's Golf Club requested an attempt be made to issue the schedule of the Grand National Curling Club events as early as May or June instead of October or November, as is now done. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was voted to refer this question to the Schedule Committee.

On behalf of the Farmington Curling Club, Mr. Sheperd offered a resolution, which was duly seconded, that the Farmington Curling Club request the opportunity of acting as host at the next Iceless Bonspiel which would be held at Manchester, Vt. The above resolution was unanimously carried.

The Vice-Chairman of the Gordon International Matches, which are to be held in Utica, stated that the invitations to fifteen Canadian Clubs had been issued and also the invitation to the Grand National Member Clubs. Each Canadian and Grand National Club would have two matches in the play.

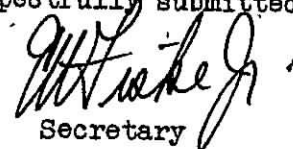
Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was voted to discuss at the next Executive Committee Meeting of the Grand National Curling Club the adoption of a policy of the Grand National to have the Schedule Committee designate two or more qualified member clubs to be hosts for the Gordon International Medal Matches when played in the United States. It is to be optional for any club designated to accept or reject such designation. Each club accepting such a designation shall determine how many rinks shall be invited to use its facilities.

It was also moved, seconded and carried that the Grand National Curling Club of America contribute up to \$150 to help defray the expenses of the Gordon International Matches.

The Secretary reported having received a communication from the Mid-West Curling Association extending an invitation to Member Clubs to participate in their Annual Bonspiel. Since this coincides with the Grand National Annual Meeting, the Secretary so advised, with regrets.

It was voted to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



February 16th, 1950

Weather that couldn't make up its mind whether to be winter or spring put its curse on the fourth round of the Windeler and all scores were very onesided.

Only Luckett's match against undefeated Hastings went the prescribed 11 ends with Luckett winning 17 to 9. Stevens took his first match of the competition in handy style, winning from Fiske 15 to 3 in 10 ends. Wells reversed last Tuesday's results when he was on the wrong side of a large score, by defeating Kimbel 17 to 4 in 10 ends.

The standings in the Windeler are:

| | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
|----------|------------|-------------|
| Hastings | 3 | 1 |
| Luckett | 3 | 1 |
| Kimbel | 2 | 2 |
| Wells | 2 | 2 |
| Fiske | 1 | 3 |
| Stevens | 1 | 3 |

The final matches which will determine possession of the priceless mug signifying the cellar championship will be held on February 21st when Hastings meets Fiske; Wells meets Stevens and Kimbel meets Luckett. It seems certain that all rinks should have purged themselves of their sins of omission and commission in their fourth round matches and that a bang-up finish should be expected.

Ardsley's rink at the Gordon-Emmett Bonspiel at Schenectady last weekend was enlivened both by Abbatoir May's absence and presence. He couldn't be in Schenectady for the first match so Boney Lydgate of Schenectady substituted. Fiske, skip, Hastings #3, and Stevens #2 lost to Utica #2 - 21 to 15 in 14 ends.

Their grief turned to joy almost immediately after the match when Western Union delivered Abbatoir's message:

"Sheridan rode to Winchester stop Courage stop Abbatoir riding
to Schenectady"

As a result, they polished off St. Andrews (Mort Locke) 23 to 9 in 13 ends - Hastings skipping, Fiske at #3, Stevens at #2 and May at #1 - in their next match, with May living up to his promise to emulate Sheridan.

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Their second and final Gordon match was against Utica #1, - Roy Ried, skip and Ward Murray at #3, plus two other sharpshooters. The score - Utica 14 Ardsley 10.

Festivities at Schenectady included the televising of some matches and a Union-Buffalo basketball game which Union won for the honor of Alumnus May and by the "French" and "marine" cheers of M. Fiske.

The annual meeting of the Grand National held during the Bonspiel resulted in the reelection of all officers, so Ardsley is again honored through the presidency held by "Ad" Hastings and the secretary and treasurership held by Eddie Fiske.

It is evident, however, that a prophet or a president is not as honored at home as he is abroad. Bill Kimbel, who brought the original charges against the eminent (in Grand National circles) Mr. Hastings, still insists that Addie is a perfidious and subversive influence - as follows:

"My determination to pursue action against Addison Hastings is in no way lessened by his evasive and honeyed words which you quoted in the last issue of your estimable publication. Those honeyed expressions about my curling abilities may make an impression on the inexperienced reader but I have reason to question their sincerity.

"This past Tuesday it was my pleasure (a figure of speech) to meet Mr. Hastings in the Windeler Cup competition. At the beginning of the match he extended his hand - as a presumably friendly gesture - and said 'May the best man win'. I thought that was very magnanimous of him and entered the match in that spirit. In spite of the fact that I had much the stronger rink, Hastings was still in the game at the end of six ends as the result of several very fortunate breaks. Whereupon he again resorted to his usual questionable tactics. He engaged me in conversation - he said 'This is a grand match - you are curling beautifully'. I listened as though hypnotized by the hissing of that snake in the garden of Eden which you appropriately mentioned in your recent Duck Soup. Just as in that historic garden, disaster followed in the wake of the snake and while I was still lulled to sleep he slyly and unbeknownst to me, slipped six stones into the house (which I admit is better than the original Skip at the garden of Eden did) and at the same time knocked all of ours out.

"Before I could regain my composure after this example of perfidy - I missed my two shots - whereupon he had the nerve to say, 'Hard luck, Bill'. My rink never recovered. No further comment is necessary I am sure, except to remind you again of his obvious insincerity when he said 'May the best man win'.

(signed) Bill Kimbel

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Your secretary has a confession to make. He has just awakened to the fact that he is a Finnophile ! (Skips: A Finnophile loves Finns) His memory brings back Elsie, a really swell Finn; Paavo, a handshaking Finnish corporal of World War I; not to mention Sibelius and Baron Mannerheim. Then two weeks ago up pops Darcy Finn and now to fill my cup of joy comes an epistle from that noble Fenian, Ardsley's own Father Finn, which should make us all realize that we have always

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been Southport Finnophiles:

"I totter to desk and pen to register complete disclai^mes of any relationship whatsoever, lineal, collateral or else, to this character Darcy Finn who has stirred up such a tempest in the Ardsley 000 pot. He is of the Canadian Huckleberry strain, which everyone knows is measly pint size north of the border; is so mulfathered that he isn't sure whether he's himself or Hastings and has that dread superiority complex which shoves a man into being a skip after a couple of hours of curling experience.

"Need I remind the Ardsley men of ice that a true Finn knows his place and keeps it, i.e., Number one on the rink, to deliver 100% key stones which make it the simplest thing in the world for any skip to build a sure fire five stone house, end after end after end.

(signed) ex-Bri^ther Finn "

Ardsley will have two rinks in the District Championship competition at St. Andrews this weekend and two in the Stockton - Clyde at the Country Club, Brookline on February 24th, 25th and 26th.

The annual competition for the Ardsley cup between St. Andrews and Ardsley will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd. This will consist of six teams from each club with three matches in the morning and three in the afternoon. Skips for the Ardsley teams will be the same as those who skipped in the Windeler.

L. W. Graaskamp
Secretary

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Note: Please change Mr. Horace J. McAfee's address as follows:

Bridge Street
Matthiessen Park
Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



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Windeler Cup

The final round of the Windeler Cup was played on Tuesday night and resulted in a tie for first place. Ad Hastings won from Eddie Fiske 14 to 7 and Ed Luckett defeated Bill Kimbel 9 to 7, resulting in a tie for the Cup. Each team has been defeated once and has won the remaining matches. The playoff will be Tuesday, the 28th.

The third match between Stevens and Wells resulted in a win by Cuyler, 9 to 7. The OQ Cup was won again by our Eddie. For the second straight year he has the honor and privilege of keeping this magnificent trophy on his mantel. It is rumoured that he has built a special niche for it in his new home and intends through some means, probably his curling ability, to make it a permanent fixture. There is one request we must make and that is that Eddie bring the cup to the closing dinner.

Ardsley Cup

Wednesday, Washington's Birthday, was the annual competition with St. Andrews for the Ardsley Cup. All of the matches were fairly close and Ardsley won by a total of nine stones. The morning matches resulted in a plus of ten stones for Ardsley, with Hastings beating Carl 15 to 10; Kimbel winning from McCullough 15 to 8 and Cuyler dropping his match to the Professor 10 to 8.

In the afternoon, Jug Ogden skipping his first match of this season, won from the nasty little man, Locke, 19 to 10 and Ed Luckett won from Dudley 11 to 9. The final match was a battle of the giants, Kelly vs. Fiske. It was a thunderous match with Kelly outshouting Fiske and winning by the close score of 16 to 4. The Ardsley Buttons go to the Ogden Rink with their plus nine stones.

District Medal

Ardsley came close in the District Medal, but unfortunately didn't repeat last year's win. The rink skipped by Bart Eddison won the first match from Mahopac 15 to 6 but then lost a very close one to Pit Carl 9 to 8 in an extra end. Pit had to make two remarkable shots to pull his rink through. The other Ardsley rink, skipped by Ad Hastings won the first match against Blake, St. Andrews 10 to 9. Their second match against Mahopac 14 to 10. In the finals they met Pit Carl and lost 13 to 9 in a very exciting match.

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At the annual meeting of the Grand National in Schenectady, Ardsley offered to the Grand National the Ardsley Bowl for the Iceless Bonspiel. This was accepted and we have a very nice letter from Secretary Fiske thanking us for deeding the Bowl to them. Incidentally, the Iceless is planned for Manchester and Farmington will be the host club.

Ardsley is sending two rinks to the Gordon International in Utica March 3rd and 4th. The skips will be Hastings and Ogden and the rinks are now being made up.

The closing dinner will be at St. Andrews on Tuesday, March 14th. Please save this date because it is going to be a very special closing dinner.

Russ Weston
(pinch hitting for
Grassy who is in Florida)

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



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Closing Dinner

The season wind-up will be Tuesday, March 14th, as Prexy Weston reminded you in his last letter. This final dinner is important. Don't miss it.!

The Stockton

Ardsley was represented by two able rinks - but not quite able enough. Stevens, Eddison, Sothern and Thayer first eliminated the Canadians from Sherbrooke with little trouble - but next met Winchester (which rink beat Ardsley in the finals a couple of years ago) and lost in a close match. The other rink, Kimbel, Hastings, Shaw and Kinney, won its first match from the Boston Curling Club. Then it looked like finis because next came Charlottetown, Prince Edwards Island, who had just smeared last year's Country Club Stockton winners. However, Ardsley's frequent banquet experience proved useful, and a slightly battered Charlottetown foursome bowed out.

Later that evening Kimbel met the Country Club rink that finally won the Bonspiel. Bill should have won. In the fifth end he let the opposition score a seven, getting behind 2 to 10. By the tenth he had pulled it up to 8 to 10. Then in the eleventh, what looked like a sure plus 2 turned into a minus 1, but even so the last rock of the last end nearly won the match for Bill - but not quite.

The Gordon International

The Americans beat the Canadians by a total score of 332 to 299. The Ogden Ardsleys, with Wells, Thorndyke and Phil Weld were mighty contributors to the victory, winning handily in both their matches. The Hastings Ardsleys, with Shaw, Staley and Bob Pryde, won their first by 5 and lost their second by 1, so still were on the plus side of the ledger. Grand National President Hastings was called on frequently at the banquet and acquitted himself magnificently.

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Darcy Finn

The Kimbel-Hastings-Finn-Utica debate reminded this pinch-hitting author of Duck Soup that he too had a feeling that said Finn had done him wrong. In the early hours of the morning his gripe inspired the following:

"Just An Ode to Darcy Finn"

There's a pleasant little valley
In a region far away
Where a winding river wanders
In its own mysterious way.

Where the black ice on its waters
Never melts from year to year
And the busy hum of curling,
Never ceasing, fills the ear.

Happy hunting ground for curlers
Of a great immortal clan
Wearing little leather badges
Of Snake River, every man !

There are other famous curlers
Who could lay them just as well,
But St. Peter doesn't know them
And there's no ice down in hell.

Now I'm just a simple curler
But I love it, more than sin,
And I'd keep it up forever
If you'd only let me in.

For Snake River, Uncle Darcy,
Is the only curling club,
That has asked my wife to join it,
But has overlooked this dub.

And I'd hate to have her curling
'Til Gabe's trumpet calls a halt-
While I am sweating, steaming,
In a purgatory vault.

Al Shaw
(pinch hitting for Russ Weston
who should have been pinch
hitting for Grassy)