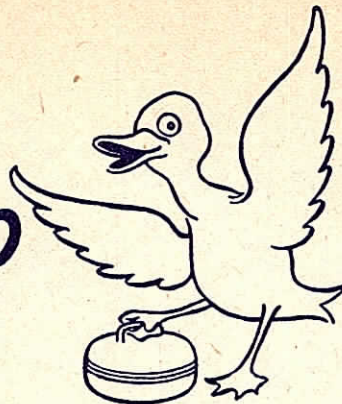


Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



Well, We're off!

The curling season started last Tuesday with the biggest membership in Ardsley's history, the handsomest crop of new curlers, and the gummiest ice ever seen on opening night. Too bad the super-mild weather had to spoil things, for it was impossible to lay an accurate shot, no matter what the weight.

With the election of Art Kemp we bring our membership up to 44 active curlers. Art's name goes on Al Koehl's rink for the Blanton.

A Few Announcements

Blanton matches scheduled for next Tuesday are:

Robinson vs Warner
Upjohn vs Koehl
Hockmyer vs May

Will the Blanton skips remember that you men have new curlers on your rinks who are anxious to get into the swing of things. So get your rink lined up ahead of time and make it a point to call the new man on your team and tell him that he is, or is not, needed for Tuesday's match. Don't leave him twitching in ignorance!

The Utica Cup competition starts at St. Andrews on Friday the 14th. We'll have 5 teams entered and the newer curlers should try to get over to the rink and watch some of the matches. This will tell you what the game is really about. See Von Bernuth talk Sutphen into letting him play one of those awful running shots! See Henry Kelley lay his well-known hack-high guard!

As this issue of Duck Soup is ladled out of the tureen we cannot tell you about the festivities surrounding the Utica Cup Bonspiel. The committee in charge is weighing the merits of a bonspiel dinner or a cocktail party. As I write, they are closeted in a schmo-filled room.

On Getting Some Practice

Grassy's biggest worry is his schedule...how to allocate the ice to handle scheduled events. Right now he needs a couple of more sheets a week to take care of everybody. Also this is the time of year when we like to have some ice available for practice sessions, particularly the newly enrolled curlers.

This will be worked out at a meeting over the weekend. The next issue of Duck Soup will carry more details.

Cuyler Stevens
Secretary

November 12, 1952

The first meeting of the new Curling Season is at hand -- the date is Tuesday, November 18th -- the place is the apartment of our President, Bill Gish, No. 7E in Hastings House -- the time is 8:15 p.m. or thereabouts if you get slightly lost.

Our President suggests that parking on Broadway will probably be easiest. After parking, head West towards the River, through the middle, then down the terrace steps, and it is the first apartment on the right, on the second floor. Their dog has promised not to bite curlers.

At the meeting, we will make plans for the coming season and elect new members, if any, possibly three or so.

Please all come!

Greetings,

Cuyler Stevens
Secretary
per CvB

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November 25, 1952

NOTICE OF OPENING DINNER

at the

ARDSLEY COUNTRY CLUB

Tuesday December 2, 1952 at 6:15 p.m.

At the Club's Annual Meeting-- a very successful one -- it was decided that the Curling Club would open the 1952-53 season with a dinner at the Ardsley Country Club next Tuesday night.

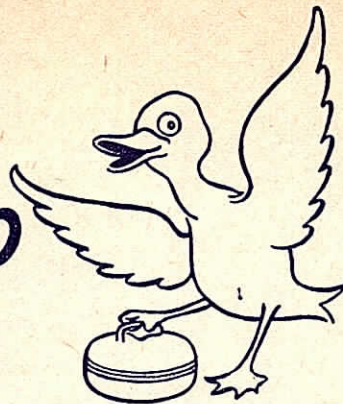
Laurence Achilles has phoned me from New Canaan that he will be present, wearing his Toronto Tigers jacket. See that you are present to meet him and Joe Ringland, our reinstated member. There will be curling following the dinner, so get there early and start things off the proper fashion.

Vic Hookmeyer will announce competitive plans for the coming season and President Gish will deliver an amusing speech.

Cuyler Stevens,
Secretary

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December 11, 1952.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Now that we have started to Curl on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the editor of Duck Soup has a problem. If we get this out to you in time for week-end reading, we shall not be able to include the results of Thursday night matches. So, from now on the results of competitions will be given each week in the form of standings as of the completion of Tuesday night matches, with the results of Thursday night not included.

DEFAULTED WILDS MATCHES

Last Saturday, December 6th, an Ardsley rink Wilds team defaulted to its opponents who were waiting on the ice at St. Andrews and who had not been given previous notice. Your editor doesn't know who is responsible for this lamentable lack of common Curling courtesy. It did occur, however, and caused a great deal of embarrassment and unfavorable comment, chiefly from Ardsley Curlers who were rather ashamed their club had been involved.

I know of three cases where this has happened in recent years and Ardsley has been the offender in every one of them and the circumstances were identical — nobody showed up, opponents were not notified.

With our larger membership the Skips have two very definite duties. The first is to have a team ready to play each match and the second is to make certain that the rink has been lined up ahead of time with every man on the squad knowing whether or not he is expected to Curl. Of course, this applies to any competition whether Wilds, Blanton or Windeler.

HOSPITAL NOTES

All Brithers will regret hearing that Willie Cuthbertson has had a hernia operation and will not be Curling this season. Henry Kelly reports that he has had some repairs done on his legs and he will be out for most of the season. Lynn Ericsson is recovering from a serious illness.

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TUESDAY NIGHT'S RESULTS

| | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|---------|-------------|----------|---------------|
| Leighton | Stevens | Kemp | Samuel | Ringland | H. McAfee |
| Graaskamp | Ziegler | Nash | Thayer | Bickford | Achilles |
| Thorndike | Hastings | Gish | Fiske | CVB | Wells |
| Hockmeyer | Skip Warner | May | Skip Upjohn | Shaw | Skip Robinson |
| 4----- | 11 | 11----- | 5 | 12----- | 3 |

THURSDAY NIGHT SOTHERN VS. WESTON

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday Night, December 16:

May vs Winner Sothern-Weston
 Warner vs Shaw
 Upjohn vs Loser Sothern-Weston (Consolation)

Thursday Night, December 18:

Hockmeyer vs Robinson (Consolation)

All your secretary can tell you about Tuesday night matches is that Bob Warner Curled well enough to win the Royal Caledonian single-handed. Vic Hockmeyer said Bob Curled equally well last week.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Next Tuesday, December 16, we will meet to elect one or two members. We hope that Dunc Sutphen will be back with us, and that we shall have only one man to vote in.

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The Ardsley Curling Club, as
host at the Utica Cup Bonspiel, cordially
invites all curlers of District 2 for
cocktails from 7:00 to 8:30, December 14,
at Saint Andrews Golf Club.

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December 18, 1952.

BLANTON MEDAL RESULTS

| | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Thayer | Samuel | Kemp | B. Hockmeyer | Ziegler | Ringland |
| Van Alstyne | B.R. Wood | Nash | Sheets | CM Wood | Bickford |
| Eddison | Fiske | Gish | Stevens | Hastings | CVB |
| Weston | Skip Upjohn | May | Skip Stewart | Warner | Skip Shaw |
| 11-----8 | | 11-----10 | | 8-----6 | |

In a match that ended shortly before dawn Bill May defeated Chuck Stewart in an extra end 11 to 10 on a shot that went from the hog line to the button. Your secretary then went home and collapsed in bed and can tell you nothing about the other matches. Thus, the finalists are May vs Warner in the main event and Weston vs Hockmeyer-Robinson winner in the consolation.

There will be a scrub match on the other sheet. If you would like to curl, give me a ring and I will try to line up two sterling rinks.

There seems to be a slight misunderstanding about tossing brooms to see who leads. The custom is that your opponent leads unless he is able to get a firm enough grip on the broom to enable him to swing it forward over his head without losing hold. It is not enough to be able to give the broom a side-wise heave and get it over your shoulder before you drop it.

On the further subject of brooms, we wonder why so many intelligent men lay a nice broom on the ice and then put a 40 lb. rock on top of it and give it a twist to get the dirt off the bottom of the stone. We have very splendid mats which do the job much better, it doesn't tear the brooms to pieces and it does not deposit a collection of dirt directly in front of the tee.

Now is the time to be thinking about the up-coming bonspiels. Any day now Vic Hockmeyer's Curling Committee will be checking with you to see which trips you would like to make - and don't be bashful about it - if you would like to make the entire circuit maybe you will get a chance to do it.

Cuyler Stevens, Secretary

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December 31, 1952.

MAY RINK WINS BLANTON FINAL

Weston Wins Silver Medal

The Gold Blanton Medal will be proudly worn by Bill May's rink of Gish, Nash and Lueck. They beat the team of Warner, Hastings, Ziegler and Ralph McAfee by a 15 - 10 score. The Silver Medal was won by Russell Weston's rink when they defeated Victor Hockmeyer 12 - 8.

We hear that May was "hot as a fox" with Roger Lueck doing a fine job at lead. I hope that by Now Bill is rid of his superstition about eights. He won the semi-final match when the score was tied 8 - 8 in the eighth end. Tuesday night his opponents all wore eights. Bill's rink had a three-point deficit after the first end, then quickly got a six, then a two (total 8) and he went ahead in spite of all superstition and won.

WINDELER MATCHES START TUESDAY

The Windeler Round Robin competition, which is Ardsley's championship, starts on Tuesday, January 6th with Hastings vs Wells, Thorndike vs Addison, and Gish vs Stevens. On Thursday the 8th it will be Fiske vs Shaw.

The personnel of the rinks is listed on the following page. The regulations are well-known. All matches are eleven ends. Each Skip is requested to give all curlers an equal opportunity to curl, but the rules specifically state that each Skip must play each member of his team in at least two matches or be disqualified.

OUT-OF-TOWN TRIPS

With this issue of Duck Soup we are sending you a return post-card listing the out-of-town Bonspiels. The Curling Committee will shortly begin deliberations to set up the rinks for these competitions at other curling clubs. Fill out the card and return it to Vic. List your choices in order - don't be bashful.

UTICA CUP COMPETITION JAN. 9-10-11

The Utica Cup matches will be played as a three-day competition the end of next week. Ardsley will have six teams entered. Space does not permit listing the personnel of these rinks, suffice it to say the Skips will be Shaw, Fiske, Wells, Gish, Thorndike, Weston. You will hear from your Skip if you are expected to curl in this event.

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WINDELER RINKS - 1953

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Eddison | Fiske | Gish |
| May | Warner | Robinson |
| Achilles | Stewart | Graaskamp |
| Reed | Ringland | Bickford |
| Zeigler | Sheets | Gray |
| Staley | | |
| Hastings | Shaw | Stevens |
| Koehl | Sothorn | Hockmeyer |
| Van Alstyne | B. Wood | C. M. Wood |
| Leighton | Lagercrantz | H. McAfee |
| R. McAfee | Marshall | Wall |
| Peterson | L. Hockmeyer | |
| Thorndike | Wells | |
| Weston | Upjohn | |
| Nash | Von Bernuth | |
| Thayer | Kemp | |
| Samuel | Lueck | |

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January 8, 1953.

WINDELER RESULTS

| | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|---|---------|---|
| Gish | 14 | - | Stevens | 3 |
| | (10 ends) | | | |
| Hastings | 9 | | Wells | 8 |
| | (extra end) | | | |
| Thorndike | 9 | | Eddison | 5 |

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tues., January 13:

| | | |
|---------|----|----------|
| Stevens | vs | Fiske |
| Shaw | vs | Hastings |
| Eddison | vs | Gish |

Thursday, January 15:

| | | |
|-------|----|-----------|
| Wells | vs | Thorndike |
|-------|----|-----------|

The Windeler got off to a good start on Tuesday. Bill Gish with Robinson, Grassy and Bickford murdered Stevens. Perhaps it was suicide, because Judge McAfee, Mickey Wood and V. Hockmeyer curled well enough to win but their skip had an attack of broom-blindness and an extreme fear of approaching the house. Actually, Bill Gish's rink curled a neat game as the score shows.

Addie Hastings nipped Dick Wells with a neat tying shot in the last end and won in the extra end where the lead stone remained an undisturbed winner during the entire end.

Ashley Thorndike with Weston, Nash and Thayer took Bill May, Reed, Ziegler and Warner in a match that was closer than the 9 - 5 score indicates.

The committee for the Anniversary Dinner seems to be working overtime and I will have an announcement for you in the next issue.

Don't forget the Utica Bonspiel this week-end with six Ardsley teams. Most of us will be curling. According to preliminary plans, it seems to be the St. Andrew's equivalent of the "friendly" competition at Seigniory - a competition where the emphasis is on participation rather than on winning. We will be highly disappointed if this getaway Bonspiel doesn't produce some new curling stars.

The big Douglas Bonspiel will be next week, January 16,17,18 and Ardsley will enter three teams.

Cuyler Stevens, Secretary.

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January 15, 1953.

20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER NEXT TUESDAY!

The Anniversary Dinner committee announces our 20 year celebration next Tuesday night at the St. Andrew's Golf Club. Every old-timer of whom we have a record has been invited. We confidently expect that this dinner will be even more successful than the 15th Anniversary which produced an amazing turn-out.

Of importance to button collectors is the fact that all present will receive a commemorative curling pin.

A long list of distinguished guests will attend including Lucius Hill, President of the Grand National.

Don't miss this highlight of the 1953 season. The PLACE: ST. ANDREW'S GOLF CLUB, the TIME: COCKTAILS - 6:30, DINNER - 7:30.

The old-timers will be invited to curl after the dinner and you may have a chance to join with them so bring your curling shoes if you wish.

WINDELER RESULTS

Thursday, January 8:

Fiske 15 Shaw 2

Tuesday, January 13:

| | | | |
|----------|----|-------|---|
| Hastings | 16 | Shaw | 2 |
| Eddison | 11 | Gish | 9 |
| Stevens | 14 | Fiske | 9 |

WINDELER STANDINGS

| <u>Skip</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> | <u>Skip</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Hastings | 2 | 0 | Stevens | 1 | 1 |
| Fiske | 1 | 1 | Thorndike | 1 | 0 |
| Gish | 1 | 1 | Wells | 0 | 1 |
| Eddison | 1 | 1 | Shaw | 0 | 2 |

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 27:

| | | |
|-----------|----|----------|
| Fiske | vs | Hastings |
| Wells | vs | Shaw |
| Thorndike | vs | Gish |

Thursday, January 29:

| | | |
|---------|----|---------|
| Eddison | vs | Stevens |
|---------|----|---------|

Addie Hastings with Ward Van Alstyne, R. McAfee, and Leighton got off to a fast lead and his team was evidently merciless against Shaw, B. Wood, Lagerkranz and L. Hockmeyer.

In a ding-dong match Eddison, Ziegler, and Wells won a tough two point victory over Gish, Robinson, Graaskamp and Gray. Stevens, V. Hockmeyer, H. McAfee and Wall saw a big lead disappear, but won going away over Fiske, Warner, Sheets and Ringland.

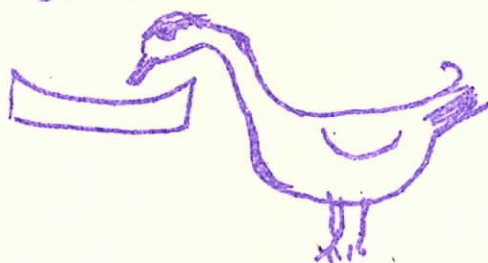
DOUGLAS THIS WEEK-END

The big Douglas Bonspiel comes up this week-end starting Thursday night. Ardsley has three teams entered being skipped by Hastings, Gish and Weston.

As you know, this is the major bonspiel of this district. There will be four Canadian teams, including the impecable Hamilton Thistles. Don't forget, Ardsley won both events last year.

Cuyler Stevens,
Secretary.

Duck Soup.



TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY DINNER !!!

TUESDAY JANUARY 20TH.

AT ST. ANDREWS

COCKTAILS 6:30 P.M.

DINNER 7:30 P.M.

MANY EX ARDSLEY CURLERS WILL BE THERE !!

EVERYONE BE SURE TO COME !

CURLING AFTERWARDS.

BE SEEING YOU !

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January 22, 1953.

ARDSLEY WINS GRIFFITH MEDAL Hastings' Rink Beats Weston in All-Final

Unfortunately for the American teams St. Andrew's decided to invite Ross Tarleton to bring his Hamilton, Ontario Thistles back to the Douglas and Ross repaid the compliment by knocking off the Toronto Granites by 14 - 9 in a Canadian final.

Addison Hastings' rink with Dick Wells, Ashley Thorndike and Bill Wood gave the Toronto rink a real battle in the first round of the Douglas before succumbing by 14 - 13 in an extra end. Ted Hahn had previously been beaten 15 - 5. In their first match in the Griffith Consolation they beat Tee Foster's Utica rink by 15 - 11 then beat Chick Hovey by 20 - 4 and Jacque MacFarlane's Mahopac by an equally high score 21 - 4. Russ Weston had Vic Hockmeyer at 3, and Laurence Achilles and CVB. They followed a slightly shorter route. Mark Waterbury's Utica boys took them by 15 - 9. Mort Locke's St. Andrew's rink fell by 12 - 11 in an extra end, then Ted Hahn suffered his second loss to an Ardsley rink by 11 - 7. The final match saw the Hastings' rink get off to an early lead and keep moving to a 19 - 9 win.

The other rink with Bill Gish at skip, the secretary at 3, Bill May and Langdon Hockmeyer (Harold Sothern in the first round) beat a Country Club rink by 13 - 4 in the first round, nosed out Tee Foster by 12 - 11 in an extra end and then got murdered by former Ardsleyite Dick Neiley of Winchester 14 - 7.

This not only indicates nice work by the Curling Committee, but also very nice work by Addison Hastings' rink, which have two medals to show for two successive years, since they won the big one last year.

THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

We didn't curl this week, we ate instead and drank duck soup. From his vantage point, high on the water wagon (not so high) your correspondent can report that duck soup - a special beverage concocted for the occasion - was a kind of whiskey sour, but maybe it had Applejack in it, except that it tasted more like a rather new brandy and produced a lot of old corn.

Capt. Fiske acted as Toastmaster for Ardsley's twentieth, well attended by former curlers. I counted five charter members.

Lucius Hill, President of the Grand National, paid us the immense compliment of coming all the way from Boston to help us celebrate.

The man who stole the show was Stu Stevenson, who called on by the Toastmaster at the very end, topped off a fine evening with a perfectly gorgeous talk compounded

of equal parts of early Ardsley curling history, Stu's worm's-eye view of bonspiels, a moving tribute to Bill Kimbel - all whipped into delectable form by one of the most beloved figures in the Ardsley community.

E R R A T A

The schedule which was given in last week's Duck Soup and which was marked "Next Week's Schedule" applies, of course, to the week coming up. To summarize it quickly, Eddison plays Stevens Thursday, January 29th and the other teams play Tuesday, January 27th.

The other errors concern the list of telephone numbers:

Change Langdon Hockmeyer's home telephone number to Dobbs Ferry 3-2508 and Doug Thayer's to Irvington 9-2925. Change Charlie Wall's office phone to LU. 2-1790.

Any other corrections????

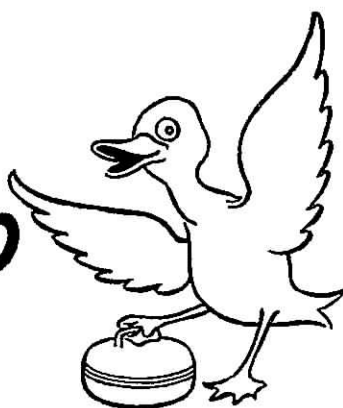
ART NOTE

This was the week when we not only drank duck soup, but saw it illustrated for the first time in Carl Von Bernuth's delicately drawn letterhead which announced the dinner. Wasn't it beautiful - a real Hudson River primitive!

Cuyler Stevens,
Secretary.

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January 29, 1953.

THIRD ROUND WINDELER RESULTS

Tuesday, January 27th:

| | | | |
|-----------|----|-------|----|
| Wells | 9 | Shaw | 4 |
| Hastings | 10 | Fiske | 9 |
| Thorndike | 14 | Gish | 13 |

Played earlier, but not recorded:

| | | | |
|-------|----|-----------|---|
| Wells | 13 | Thorndike | 7 |
|-------|----|-----------|---|

Dick Wells with CVB, Upjohn and Lueck won 8 of the 11 ends to defeat Al Shaw who had Harold Sothern, Eric Lagerkranz and Stevens.

Half-way through his match Addie Hastings confided in your secretary that Eddie Fiske hadn't missed a shot and the score board looked that way with Eddie having a nice lead. However, Addie pulled up even aided by a superb wick shot; had a 2-rock lead in the last end when Eddie came within one of tying the match.

Ashley Thorndike with Weston, Thayer and Samuel traded 5-ends with Gish, Robinson, Bickford and Gray to finally end up in a 14 - 13 win.

WINDELER STANDING

Thursday, January 29th

| | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> | | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
|-----------|------------|-------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| Hastings | 3 | 0 | Stevens | 1 | 1 |
| Thorndike | 2 | 1 | Fiske | 1 | 2 |
| Wells | 2 | 1 | Gish | 1 | 2 |
| Eddison | 1 | 1 | Shaw | 0 | 3 |

JR. BONSPIEL THIS WEEK-END

As you read this issue two Ardsley rinks will be struggling on the Brookline ice in the Dyke competition. Bill May will have Chuck Stewart, Roger Lueck and Art Kemp. Carl Von Bernuth (we spell it out now that he is skip) will team up with Ralph Sheets, Langdon Hockmeyer and Hugh Leighton.

NASHUA FEBRUARY 6-7-8

Ardsley's entry in the Granite State bonspiel will be Bill Gish at skip, Nephew Thorndike at 3, Skip May at 2, and Hugh Leighton leading.

We had originally intended listing the full rinks in the Ogden Jug competition but this issue of Duck Soup is beginning to look like a telephone book page. For the moment let's simply say the competition opened last week-end with

three teams, each with a pair of skips. CVB and Chuck Stewart, Wood and Wood, Graaskamp and Nash. I know that the Woodpile won three matches in one day and that Bickford skipped the first named rink to an easy win over St. Andrew's. I will try to keep you posted on how this competition stands.

UTICA-ARCHBALD

The Utica-Archbald competition will pick up where it left off when the ice storm hit us. Incompleted matches will be re-started. All completed matches stand as played. This competition will be held on March 6-7-8.

NEXT WEEK'S WINDELER

Tuesday, February 3rd:

Gish vs Shaw
Thorndike vs Stevens
Hastings vs Eddison

Thursday, February 5th:

Fiske vs Wells

Guyler Stevens,
Secretary.

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February 5, 1953.

FOURTH ROUND WINDELER RESULTS

Tuesday February 3rd:

| | | | |
|-----------|----|----------|---------------|
| Gish | 12 | Shaw | 8 |
| Eddison | 14 | Hastings | 9 |
| Thorndike | 9 | Stevens | 8 (extra end) |

Bill Gish had Guy Robinson, Bickford and Lueck and won from Al Shaw with Sothorn, Lagerkranz and L. Hockmeyer. Oddly enough Bill tells me that Al curled better than any skip he has played against in the competition so far.

Bill May, substituting for Eddison, had Achilles, Staley and Reed. The turning point was a big 5-end and a final 3-counter for a nice victory over Addison, who had Koehl, Leighton and Peterson. (Glad to see you, Pete!)

In an extra end thriller Thorndike, Weston, Thayer and Ringland took Stevens, Hockmeyer, H. McAfee and Wall. It was a fine match.

STANDINGS AS OF FEBRUARY 4TH

| | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> | | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
|-----------|------------|-------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| Eddison | 3 | 1 | Gish | 2 | 2 |
| Hastings | 3 | 1 | Fiske | 1 | 2 |
| Thorndike | 3 | 1 | Stevens | 1 | 3 |
| Wells | 2 | 1 | Shaw | 0 | 4 |

ARDSLEY CUP MATCHES VS. ST. ANDREWS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Six Ardsley teams will take the ice against six St. Andrew's teams on February 12th to play for the Ardsley Cup. Your Windeler skip should get in touch with you to let you know if you will or will not play.

The Juniors came back from Boston and "are not talking." But, that's the luck of the game.

Two rinks will go to Schenectady and we will give you full details when we get back home.

Have you noticed what a tremendous job Vic Hockmeyer is doing as Curling Chairman in a very quiet and highly efficient manner!

Cuyler Stevens,
Secretary.

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February 13, 1953.

ARDSLEY RINK WINS PATERSON MEDAL

Our President, with Ashley Thorndike, Bill May and High Leighton, came back from Nahua with a very nice win in the Consolation Paterson Memorial Event. They lost their first match to a Nashua team by 9 - 8. Next, they creamed Schenectady by 15 - 5, then came sweet revenge against Dick Neily of Winchester. Then, went to an extra end and beat a Utica rink, skipped by one of the Hurd twins, 12 - 11.

WINDELLER RESULTS

Tues., February 10th:

| | | | |
|---------|----|-------|---|
| Stevens | 13 | Shaw | 8 |
| Eddison | 13 | Wells | 9 |
| Fiske | 10 | Gish | 8 |

Barton Eddison can travel around the U.S. to his heart's content knowing that Abie the Agent May has things under control. With Achilles, Staley and Reed they won handily from Wells, CVB, Upjohn and Lueck. From across the rink it appeared that Fiske, Stewart, Ringland and Sheets got off to an early lead against Gish, Robinson, Gray and Thayer and coasted home. In the middle of our match against Harold Sothern, B.R. Wood, L. Hockmeyer, and Bob Marshall, I remarked that we could win the Stockton with my team of Vic Hockmeyer, H. McAfee, and Russ Weston. The Jedge, in particular, was superlative.

STANDINGS AS OF FEBRUARY 11TH

| | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> | | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
|-----------|------------|-------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| Eddison | 4 | 1 | Wells | 2 | 2 |
| Hastings | 3 | 1 | Gish | 2 | 3 |
| Thorndike | 3 | 1 | Stevens | 2 | 3 |
| Fiske | 2 | 2 | Shaw | 0 | 5 |

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tues., February 17th:

| | | |
|---------|----|-----------|
| Shaw | vs | Thorndike |
| Wells | vs | Gish |
| Stevens | vs | Hastings |

Thurs., February 19th:

| | | |
|-------|----|---------|
| Fiske | vs | Eddison |
|-------|----|---------|

You will notice that there are two post-poned matches - Thorndike vs Hastings, and Fiske vs. Wells.

Did you know that Ardsley joined with Caledonia in playing against the Maritime Flying Curlers, a group from Prince Edward Island and environs. They fly around the country in a DC-3, curling as they go. Hastings, Fiske, Shaw and Weston joined in shutting the Canadians out of all 3 matches last week.

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The Ardsley Cup Matches were held at St. Andrews on Lincoln's Birthday - three matches in the morning and three in the afternoon. St. Andrews was victorious this year winning by a total of 71 stones to 53. Although there were some very close matches, Ardsley won only one, that the rink skipped by Al Sothern.

The Ardsley Cup Matches first commenced in 1947 and the first match was won by St. Andrews. Then for the next five matches, Ardsley was victorious and now in 1953 St. Andrews has won again. Accordingly the score now stands Ardsley five matches, St. Andrews two matches. The score of the matches are as follows:

10 A.M.

ST. ANDREWS

| | |
|------------|----|
| Locke | 9 |
| McCullough | 11 |
| Arndt | 12 |

ARDSLEY

| | |
|---------|----|
| Stevens | 8 |
| Fiske | 9 |
| Wells | 12 |

2 P.M.

| | |
|-------|-----------|
| Blake | 11 |
| Fry | 7 |
| Carl | <u>21</u> |
| | 71 |

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| Al Hastings | 7 |
| Sothern | 12 |
| Gish | <u>5</u> |
| | 53 |

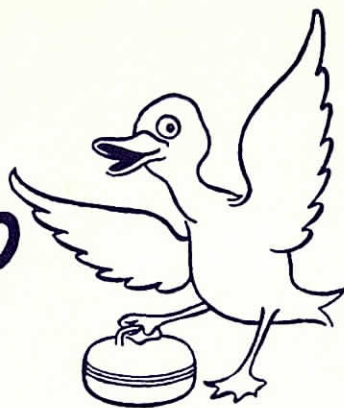
Here's hoping we get the Cup back next year!

Your secretary

Cuyler Stevens

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



February 20, 1953

I am going to cut out some of the details connected with this week's Windeler Matches due to the fact that this week's issue is being dictated over the telephone to Miss Rullo, CvB's obliging secretary.

WINDELER RESULTS:

Tuesday, February 17th:

| | | | | |
|----------|----|-----|-----------|---|
| Hastings | 10 | vs. | Stephens | 8 |
| Shaw | 9 | vs. | Thorndyke | 8 |
| Wells | 10 | vs. | Gish | 8 |

Thursday, February 19th:

| | | | | |
|---------|----|-----|-------|---|
| Eddison | 12 | vs. | Fiske | 6 |
|---------|----|-----|-------|---|

Outside of our own Match, in which we were neatly out-curlled by the Hastings team, I can only report that Mr. Shaw scored his first win over the contending Thorndyke Rink in an extra end with a beautiful last shot, ably assisted by Vice Skip Eric Lagercrantz.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, February 24th:

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| Thorndyke vs. Fiske |
| Eddison vs. Shaw |
| Hastings vs. Gish |

Thursday, February 26th:

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| Stephens vs. Wells |
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DISTRICT MEDAL this weekend. As you read this copy of "Duck Soup", the District Medal Competition will already be under-way. The two Ardsley teams will be

| | | |
|----------|---|----------|
| Hastings | a | Wells |
| Fiske | a | Gish |
| Weston | d | Stephens |
| Robinson | | B. Wood |

The winner of this Competition goes up to Montreal for the Royal Caledonian in mid-March, so this bonspiel is actually our local championship.

THE OGDEN JUG: The Association's junior competition is practically finished, and it is high time that "Duck Soup" reported the nice showing of the Ardsley teams. Here are the apparent current standings as taken from the scoreboard last Tuesday:

| <u>TEAM</u> | | <u>RECORD</u> | |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
| Ardsley | Wood-Wood | 6 | 1 |
| Ardsley | Grasskamp-Nash | 4 | 1 |
| Ardsley | CvB-Stewart | 5 | 2 |
| St. Andrews #1 | | 3 | 3 |
| Caledonia #1 | | 2 | 2 |
| St. Andrews #2 | | 1 | 3 |
| St. Andrews #3 | | 1 | 3 |
| Caledonia #2 | | 1 | 3 |
| Mahopac | | 1 | 4 |

A shrewd analysis by this observer indicates that the Wood-pile has but one Match to play, and that the other Ardsley teams have two and three Matches to play. Study also shows that no other team appears to have a real chance of catching Ardsley. The nice thing about this Competition is that substituting has been very free, with the result that almost everyone has had a chance "in the house". Moreover, all the Matches that we have seen have apparently been great fun. Before Ardsley gets too cocky, we should point out that St. Andrews shellacked us by the biggest plus-score in the history of the Ardsley Cup - last Lincoln's birthday.

STOCKTON TEAMS: Ardsley will have two rinks going up to the Stockton, as follows:

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Hastings | Eddison |
| Wells | Stephens |
| Sothorn | Weston |
| Werner | Thorndyke |

Your secretary,

Cuyler Stephens

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February 27, 1953

THE WINDUPPER: Amidst great excitement, the Windeler Competition virtually ended on Tuesday evening, when Ad Hastings and his rink lost to Bill Gish and his cohorts' superb efforts, while Ziegler, Achilles, May, Skip Bill Wood, fighting hard to win, had a good lead of about 8 to 2 ... but then the roof fell in! Anyway, the rink skiped by Bert Addison won in grand style and are now champions of Ardsley for 1953. The four matches curled in the Windeler Cup this week are as follows:

| | | | |
|-----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Peterson | Kemp | V. Hockmeyer | Ziegler |
| R. McAfee | Upjohn | L. Hockmeyer | Achilles |
| Koehl | Robinson | Lagercrantz | May |
| Hastings | Gish | W. Wood | Eddison |
| (10) | (15) | (8) | (12) |
| Thayer | Sheets | Kemp | Siebert |
| Nash | Ringland | Upjohn | Weld |
| Weston | Stewart | CvB | V. Hockmeyer |
| Thorndike | Warner | Wells | Stevens |
| (13) | (12) | (11) | (5) |

There are still two matches to be played, namely

Thorndike vs. Hastings
Fiske vs. Wells

These two matches are scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd. Accordingly, there will be a third sheet of ice available for a scrub match on that day.

DISTRICT MEDAL: Ardsley came through in excellent style in the District Medal, having both our teams in the finals. The score of the finals, (14 ends) is as follows:

| | |
|---------|----------|
| Wood | Robinson |
| Stevens | Weston |
| Gish | Fiske |
| Wells | Hastings |
| (16) | (15) |

At one time Dick Wells had a good lead, but the Hastings rink almost made it up - but not quite. As you know, the winning team goes up to Montreal for the Royal Caledonian Matches on March 26th and 27th, and also will probably stay for the Gordon International Matches on March 28th.

UTICA CUP: The Utica Cup is being held on March 6th, 7th and 8th. The six Ardsley teams will curl their first matches as follows:

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|------------------|
| Ardsley | 3 | Fiske | Friday, 8 P.M. |
| Caledonia | 2 | | March 6th |
| Ardsley | 5 | Thorndike | Saturday, 9 A.M. |
| St. Andrews | 6 | | March 7th |
| Ardsley | 6 | Gish | Saturday, 9 A.M. |
| Mahopac | 1 | | March 7th |
| Shaw #1 | | Shaw | Saturday, Noon |
| Winner of other match | | | March 7th |
| Ardsley #4 | | Wells | Saturday, Noon |
| Winner of other match | | | March 7th |
| Ardsley #2 | | Stevens | Saturday, Noon |
| Caledonia #1 | | | March 7th |

in the Archibald Cup

Let's hope we don't have another ice storm like the ones delaying the matches previously!

LAKE PLACID BONSPIEL: A bonspiel at Lake Placid is also being held on March 6th, 7th and 8th. A number of curlers who will not be curling in the Utica Cup are anxious to go up there. If you would like to go, please contact Vic Hockmeyer for details.

STOCKTON: We are sending two teams up to the Stockton Matches at Brookline this weekend. They will be curling - or possibly even completed curling by the time you receive this "Duck Soup". They certainly will have a grand time and we hope they do good for Ardsley.

CLOSING DINNER: Our closing dinner will be held at the Ardsley Country Club on Tuesday, March 10th. Cocktails will be at 6:30 P.M. and the dinner as soon thereafter as Bill Gish deems feasible. Our Honorable President requests that everyone be sure to do their best to come.

Guyler's wee helper,

Sandy McBur-r-r-nuth

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March 5, 1953

THE UTICA CUP: As there seems to be a bit of confusion in regard to the members of each rink on the Utica Cup, we list the rinks herewith:

Ardsley #1

Shaw
V. Hockmeyer
B. Wood
Graaskamp
Thayer
Ziegler
Staley

#3

Fiske
May
Warner
H. McAfee
Lagercrantz
Ringland
Wall

#5

Thorndike
Hastings
Koehl
van Alstyne
Reed
Kemp
Peterson

Ardsley #2

Stevens
Weston
Achilles
C.H. Wood
Gray
Samuel
L. Hockmeyer

#4

Wells
Robinson
CvB
Nash
Bickford
Sheets
Marshall

#6

Gish
Sothorn
Upjohn
Stewart
Leighton
Lueck
R. McAfee

Particularly since there is also a most interesting Bonspiel this weekend at Lake Placid, the Utica skips are requested to let their rinks know who will curl in the Utica Cup. Anyone, not curling in the Utica Cup, who is interested in going up to Lake Placid, please get in touch with Vic Hockmeyer.

THE WINDLER: The last two Windeler matches were curled on Tuesday. Although not affecting the standing of the winning rink, the matches were greatly enjoyed. The results were:—

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| R. McAfee | Samuel |
| Leighton | Nash |
| Koehl | Newton |
| Hastings | Thorndike |
| (6) | (14) |
| L. Hockmeyer | Ziegler |
| Lueck | May |
| Upjohn | Werner |
| CvB | Fiske |
| (13) | (7) |

The final standing of the Windeler rinks is as follows:

| | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Eddison | 6 | 1 |
| Thorndike | 5 | 2 |
| Wells | 5 | 2 |
| Hastings | 4 | 3 |
| Gish | 3 | 4 |
| Fiske | 2 | 5 |
| Stevens | 2 | 5 |
| Shaw | 1 | 6 |

Our congratulations to the winning rink, Bert Eddison and his merry crew!!

JUG OGDEN CUP: The last match of the Jug Ogden is being played tonight. Ardsley #3 skipped by Graaskamp and Nash plays a Caledonia rink. If Ardsley #3 wins, they win the Ogden, but if they lose, they will be tied with Ardsley #2 - Wood and Wood, skips.

DINNER - MARCH 10th. Tuesday, March 10th is the date of our big dinner. It is being held at the Ardsley Country Club. All please come!

Cuyler Stevens,
Secretary
per CvB

THE ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

Memorandum to The Membership:

Much to his regret your Treasurer is forced to impart to you some very bad news, as you will see from the enclosed statement.

When The Westchester Curling Association was formed in 1951 payment for the use of the ice at St. Andrews was set up in the form of rental, thus avoiding the payment of the Federal tax on dues, or so it seemed at the time. This season, however, it developed that that was apparently an untenable position, even though it appeared sound and just from a layman's point of view. "Chuck" Hovey, Chairman of the Executive Committee of The Westchester Curling Association, secured a legal opinion from Ben R. Clark, of the law firm of Davidson, Dawson & Clark, to the effect that the member clubs of the Association were liable to the 20% Federal tax on the \$60.00 per member per annum paid to the Association each in 1951-2 and 1952-3 for ice rental.

Your Treasurer submitted this opinion to two fellow members of the Ardsley Curling Club, eminent representatives of the legal profession, none other than "Judge" McAfee and "Bud" Bickford, and they both concurred.

There seems nothing left to do but to collect this onerous tax from the membership or suffer the usual consequences and pay in any case. Will you please cooperate by remitting at your earliest convenience in order that the matter may be settled with the U.S. Treasury Department without more delay.

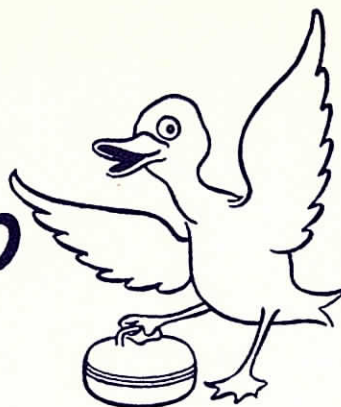
The situation is being studied to try to develop some setup to avoid this unfair tax, and we hope for favorable results.

Ward Van Alstyne, Treasurer

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April 1, 1953.

In this final issue of the 1952-'53 season I have set back the publication date to include the Caledonian and Gordon matches. The result is an editor's delight -- too much material.

HAPPINESS BOYS WIN AT PLACID

The invitation from the Sno-Birds to participate in their first Bonspiel was eagerly answered by Bob Warner as skip, Al Koehl at 3, Bob Reed at 2, with Jack Gray leading. They thought they went for the ride but came back with a medal.

Arriving on the ice for their first match after an extremely hospitable cocktail party at Dwight and Kay Mills, they were **behind** to Point Claire 1 - 9 in the 8th end, 2 - 9 in the 9th end, but they exploded in the last two ends and tied it up 9-all and won 10 - 9 in an extra end. (All matches in this competition at 10 ends)

Montreal West put them into the Second Consolation by knocking them off 9 - 3. They then came up again the Royal Canadian Curling Club. That one went to an extra end and they lost it 13 - 12. They crawled back on the ice for their third match on Saturday and proceeded to polish off Ottawa by 12 - 2. From then on it was down hill with Lennoxville **bowling** by 10 - 9 and Metcalf in the finals losing to Ardsley by 12 - 7, this giving Bob's team the Second Consolation Medal.

This is one of the nicest Ardsley wins that has ever been recorded. Here is a rink organized for the purpose of having a good time and a pleasant Bonspiel. I hope Bob won't misunderstand me when I say that we didn't expect him to win in such a tough competition, but win he did, recovering from a couple of fast starts by his adversary and winning a good extra-end match in the bargain.

DOUBLE WIN IN UTICA-ARCHIBALD

Ardsley closed out its home season in grand style by winning both the main event and the Consolation in the Utica competition post-poned from early January. Due to space limitations, we are not going to give a match-by-match account of the winning rink's road to the finals.

It was pleasant to look across the ice on Sunday morning and see three Ardsley rinks still in the competition. It was even pleasanter to have the two Ardsley finalists win their matches in extra-end competition which ended only seconds apart...Dick Wells' team of Robinson, CVB and Nash defeating Jack MacFarlane of Mahopac in the Utica Cup Competition and Russ Weston as skip, Stevens at 3, Achilles at 2 and Langdon Hockmeyer winning the Archibald.

CANADIAN NOTES

The winning District Medal team of Wells, skip; Gish, 3; Stevens, 2; and Weston (substituting for Bill Wood) at lead, took off for Montreal last week to compete in the Royal Caledonian Medal Competition. They had two heartbreakers.

Against Smith's Falls we were three ahead in the last end and unbelievably dropped a 5-end through the simple expedient of missing more shots than we should have, and this doesn't include the skip.

The afternoon match against Rideau saw us behind by 8 - 1 in the 7th end and by 10 - 5 in the 9th end. We made the match even in the 12th end, then lost the extra end with the final score being 10 - 11. Dick had to play a fireball shot down unfamiliar ice and the rest of us were glad we were not in the hack to have to try to bring it off for the final shot.

For a short editorial on the development of curling -- If you didn't think this game has changed, you will be highly educated by a trip to Montreal. In 1942 no Ardsley team had ever played against the so-called Western Game. There was one Montreal skip who was playing it and they were ready to run him out of town for spoiling the nice draw game which had grown out of irons play. This curler had brought the take-out game from the West where they played with nothing but granites.

In the Royal Caledonian Competition, every single Canadian team that we watched was playing this fast Western game. Oddly enough, on Thistle ice in the Gordon International matches, all of the teams there were playing the draw game.

However, an important point is that the teams that had survived the play-down to get into the Caledonian got there by playing the "granite" or take-out game.

Incidentally, irons play has practically disappeared from the Island of Montreal. I believe that the only irons competition is the Governor General's Trophy.

THE GORDON INTERNATIONAL

Ardsley had mixed success in the Gordon International matches. The Caledonian rink did very badly and Mr. Hastings' rink did very well. Bill Wood joined the former rink and Russ Weston played 3 for Addie together with the senior Hockmeyer and Ash Thornton. In the morning match, with Dick Wells skipping, the Ardsley Caledonian rink won from the Montreal Heather Club by 12 - 9. In the afternoon match, Dick and Bill Gish changed places and we finished on the short end of a 17 - 4 score to Drummondville.

The Hastings' rink salvaged the Ardsley cause by knocking off Granby 14 - 10 in the morning and whaling Howksbury 16 - 8.

However, the Americans lost by an overwhelming margin, but we all had a lovely time.

CLOSING DINNER

Our final dinner was held on Tuesday, March 10. The winners received their medals and the following slate of officers was elected for the '53-'54 season:

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| President | - W. H. Gish, Jr. | Secretary | - Ralph Sheets |
| Vice-President | - L. W. Graaskamp | Asst. Secretary | - Arthur Kemp |
| Treasurer | - Ward VanAlstyne | | |

In addition to the credits passed out at the head table, your secretary would like particularly to thank CVB who had the lovely habit of pinch-hitting when I got into trouble and then graciously signing my name to issues of Duck Soup which he had written. To Vic Hockmeyer -- we can say that he did the finest job of any curling chairman within recent memory.

And so from now on Duck Soup will be signed with someone else's name instead of that of your obedient servant,

Cuyler Stevens,
Secretary