

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



The mid-year dinner of the Ardsley Curlers will be held at the Ardsley Country Club on Tuesday, January 12. The brithers will undoubtedly start gathering in the bar shortly after 6:30. It is hoped that all of the neophytes who have been curling on Friday evening will be at the dinner (at their own expense, of course) and if you have been the sponsor of any of these new curlers I hope you will see that they get a special invitation from you. After the dinner we plan to adjourn to St. Andrews for some plain and fancy curling with make-up rinks, so bring your shoes along.

Competition for the Wilds Medal on January 2 found Ad Hastings and his rink with Charlie Upjohn, Lang Hockmeyer and Jo Ringland in midseason form, taking over by a score of 14 - 3 the St. Andrews #4 rink skipped by Arndt.

Ardsley #1, with Eddie Fiske as skip and Art Kemp, Charlie Wall and Roger Lueck, won a hot contest 8 - 7 from Caledonia #2 with Gil Newton skipping. Ardsley #2 with Bill Wood as skip and Chuck Stewart, Ralph Sheets and Graasy lost a close one in the final end to St. Andrews #3 with Lee McCullough at the helm, 12 - 9. Ardsley #4 with Bob Samuel, C.v.B., Charlie Nash and Cuyler Stevens as skip, lost to Mahopac under the leadership of Jock MacFarlane by a score of 9 - 7.

On January 3, Russ Weston with his rink composed of Art Kemp, Jack Gray, Chuck Stewart, as Ardsley #1, trimmed Arndt and his St. Andrews #4 rink for the second day in a row, winning 9 - 7. Ashley Thorndike, with Charlie Nash, Hugh Leighton, Joe Ringland (Ardsley #4) beat Mort Locks and his St. Andrews #2 rink 9 - 6. Ad Hastings, as skip of Ardsley #3, with Charlie Upjohn, Lang Hockmeyer and Roy Ziegler showed no mercy to Bill May's Ardsley #2 rink with Bill Wood, Horace McAfee and Bob Marshall. Ad's rink was ahead 11 - 2 at the end of the 9th inning and the match was called.

The competition for the Kimbel Plaque on Sunday, January 3, found Eddie Fiske as skip with Al Shaw, Doug Thayer and Charlie Wall curling against a rink skipped by Arndt, including The Thorndike, Lee McCullough and Dr. Beckwith. Arndt was evidently stung by his two losses in the Wilds Matches over the week-end and his crew were keeping the house full of their stones. The Fiske rink finally threw in the sponge at the end of the 8th end when they were behind 15 - 2. It just wasn't Eddie's day.

This leaves the standing of the Ardsley rinks in the Wilds Competition as follows:

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Ardsley #1	4	5
Ardsley #2	4	5
Ardsley #3	6	3
Ardsley #4	5	4

On Tuesday, January 5, the Blanton Competition went into its final round. Larry Achilles' rink won the Silver Medal with three wins and no losses. Tuesday night Larry was on the ice for the first time this year, skipping his rink, including Eddie Fiske, Art Kemp and Charlie Nash against Bill Woods' rink of Ad Hastings, Lang Hockmeyer, and Roy Ziegler. Larry's rink, with a strong finish won 11 - 8, giving them a clean sweep in the Silver Medal competition. Bob Warner's rink, skipped by Charlie Wall, with Dick Wells, Dick Thayer and Roger Lueck won a close one, 10 - 9, from Hal Sothern's rink skipped by Graasy with Ralph McAfee, Bob Marshall and Guy Robinson.

Final standings in the Silver Medal show Larry Achilles' rink with 3 wins, no losses - Hal Sothern's rink with 1 win, 2 losses, Bill Wood's 1 win, 2 losses - Bob Warner's rink 1 win, 2 losses. And the whole crowd was very happy to see Larry back on the ice.

In the Blanton Gold Medal Competition, Bill May's rink, which had won 2, lost none, went into the final end all tied with Vic Hockmeyer 8 - 8 and had a well guarded stone on the button for what looked like a sure win. "Well guarded" was not enough to discourage Vic with his final stone. Vic came down the ice on an exceptional shot, promoted one of his blue stones into the lying position, and won the match 9 - 8. The Olde #8 Bugaboo had caught up with Bill again! Curling with Bill May that night was Ashley Thorndike, Ralph Sheets and Burt Allen, and with Vic Hockmeyer were C.v.B., Charlie Upjohn and Horace McAfee. This leaves Bill May's rink with 2 wins and 1 loss, and a considerable edge in "net plus stones" over Vic Hockmeyer's rink which also finished with 2 wins and 1 loss.

The final match in the Gold Medal Competition takes place Thursday, January 7, between Guy Robinson's rink and Al Shaw's crew.

The Windler Competition, which is the competition between the various Ardsley rinks, will get under way on Tuesday, January 19, and in our next letter we will have schedules for the Windler matches, together with the membership of the rinks.

Competition for the Jug Ogden Trophy is scheduled to start Wednesday, January 20, with the remaining matches on Saturday and Sunday through March 7. This is a competition for rinks headed by junior skips to include all the clubs in the metropolitan area. Membership in the rinks and schedules for these matches should be ready by next week.

Matches for the Utica Cup and the Tom Archibald Cap will be held at the St. Andrews' Club this week-end between member clubs and District #2. It is expected in addition to the metropolitan teams, a rink from Farmington will be down for this competition.

TO HELP BILL WOOD IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DINNER TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, PLEASE RETURN IMMEDIATELY THE ENCLOSED POSTCARD OR PHONE BILL AT IRVINGTON 9-5799 OR MURRAY HILL 6-4900.

R. C. SHEETS,
Secretary.

Enclosure.
RCS:CB.

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January 14, 1954.

The Mid-Season Dinner last night was a great success. About 35 of the members trekked up to the Ardsley Country Club through the snow, stacked brooms and repaired to the bar. The Dinner Committee had a hard time getting them out of there and into the dining room.

President Graaskamp was Master of Ceremonies and recounted the highly successful first semester of the 1953-54 curling season.

In the Utica Cup Competition, of sixteen rinks, the Ardsley curlers were represented with six rinks. Five of those rinks got by the first round of the competition, and of these five, none of them lost to any but an Ardsley rink with the result that it was an all Ardsley final for the Utica Cup between the former holder of the trophy, Dick Wells and his rink (composed of Guy Robinson, C.v.B. and Charlie Nash) and Ashley Thorndike's rink. Ashley found it necessary to make some substitutions during the course of the play with the result that he had with him at various times, Al Shaw, Charlie Wall, Bill Wood, Ralph Sheets and Hugh Leighton. Dick Wells got into the finals by defeating St. Andrews' rink, skipped by Ted Hahn, the Ardsley #3 rink skipped by Russ Weston, and Ardsley #2 skipped by Cuyler Stevens. Ashley Thorndike's rink progressed into the finals by defeating St. Andrews #4 headed by Ford Frick, Ardsley #4 skipped by Eddie Fiske, and St. Andrews #5 led by Lou Dudley.

The final for the Utica Cup was a nip and tuck battle from the very first stone, with the rinks tied at the end of the 13th end, 9 to 9. In the final end, Dick Wells' crew got two well guarded stones in the house and won 11 to 9. Dick and his crew thus became the first rink to successfully defend its title as holder of the Utica Cup in the 50 years of competition for this trophy.

Skipped by Bill May and including Ad Hastings at 3, Chuck Stewart 2, and Bob Warner in the lead, this rink went on to win the Tom Archibald Cap, thereby putting Ardsley rinks in the winner's circle on both ends of the competition.

During the course of his progress through the Tom Archibald play, Bill May defeated St. Andrews #6 rink skipped by Linc Siebert, St. Andrews #4 skipped by Ford Frick, and St. Andrews #2 skipped by Doc McKinney, winning each game by wide margins, the final by a score of 21 to 5 with the match called at the completion of 13 ends.

In our own competition for the Blanton medals, Bill May's rink was the winner of the Gold Blanton Medal, and Larry Achilles' rink won the Silver Blanton. Bill May had as members of his rink Ashley Thorndike, Al Staley, Ralph Sheets, Doug Thayer and Bert Allen. The Silver Medalists under Larry Achilles had Eddie Fiske, Charley Nash, Art Kemp, Jack Gray and John Lanigan.

Play for the Douglas and Griffith Medals will start Friday of this week at St. Andrews. The Ardsley Curling Club is entitled to two rinks, and the Curling Committee has named on Ardsley #1: Ad Hastings, skip, Eddie Fiske #3, Barton Eddison #2, Joe Ringland #1, and this rink will go on the ice at 9 a.m. Friday. Ardsley #2 will consist of Dick Wells as skip, Ashley Thorndike #3, Russ Weston as #2 and Vic Hockmeyer, lead. This rink will go on the ice at 11:30 a.m. Friday, the 15th.

We are able to send only one rink to the competition for the Mitchell Medal at Utica starting January 21, and the members of that rink will be Ashley Thorndike as skip, Eddie Fiske, Al Shaw and Art Kemp.

The Dykes Competition for junior skips is being held at Nashua, New Hampshire, this year on January 30 and 31. As the Nashua Club has only two sheets of ice, Ardsley has been limited to one rink, the membership of which has not yet been determined.

We are enclosing with this letter the make-up of the Jug Ogden rinks and the rules of competition, as well as the schedule of matches.

The Windeler Competition (a competition among Ardsley rinks) gets under way Tuesday, January 19 at 8 p.m. with the following schedule:

Tuesday, January 19

#1 vs. #7
#2 vs. #5
#6 vs. #8

Thursday, January 21

#3 vs. #4

Membership of the rinks and rules of the competition for this event are also enclosed.

We are sending along two copies of the rinks for each Skip so that he may have one handy at the office and at home in the hopes that it will make it easier for the skips to have their rinks on hand at the appointed hour, even if it is necessary to fill in with substitutes.

R. C. SHEETS,
Secretary.

Enclosures.
RCS:CB.

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January 21, 1954.

I think that some of the members failed to receive last week a copy of the membership list of the Jug Ogden rinks, and the schedule of matches for this competition. Rather than try to learn who missed it, I am enclosing a copy in each envelope this week.

The Curling Committee has worked out the schedule of matches for the Windeler Competition, and a copy is enclosed. Last week's letter carried the membership roll of the various rinks.

POSTPONED WILDS' MATCHES RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 30th: You will recall that the first day's matches in the Wilds' Competition, originally scheduled for Saturday, December 5, were not played due to ice conditions. These matches have been re-scheduled for Saturday, January 30, and inasmuch as the winner of the Wilds' Competition hinges on the outcome of some of these matches, each Skip is urged to have his rink on the ice at the appointed hour. Following is a schedule for the Wilds' matches to be played Saturday, January 30th:

9:45 a.m. St. Andrews #1 vs. Ardsley #1
St. Andrews #2 vs. Ardsley #2

12:15 p.m. St. Andrews #4 vs. Caledonia #1
Caledonia #2 vs. Mahopac

2:45 p.m. Ardsley #4 vs. St. Andrews #1
St. Andrews #3 vs. Ardsley #3

In case you have forgotten, the Co-Skips of Ardsley #1 are Weston and Fiske, Ardsley #2 V. Hockmeyer and Wells, Ardsley #3 Sothern and Hastings, and Ardsley #4 Thorndike and Stevens.

The two Ardsley rinks in the Douglas competition last weekend gave a very fine account of themselves on the ice. Ardsley #1 with Ad Hastings skipping, supported by Bart Eddison #2, Eddie Fiske at 2 and Jo Ringland, lead, on Friday won their first match from Winchester 14 to 3, and Saturday, with the same rink, defeated Brae Burn

17 to 10. On Sunday, Addie and his crew went back on the ice against Charlie Balch and the #1 rink from the Country Club in Brookline. At the end of the match (12 ends) they were all tied up 10 to 10. In the extra end, the Ardsley boys had the lying stone until a great shot by Charlie Balch, with his final stone, left the Country Club with the two nearest stones and a 12 to 10 win.

The Douglas Competition was won by the Hamilton Thistles 18 to 8 from Charlie Balch and his Country Club #1 rink in 13 ends. The other Ardsley rink, with Dick Wells as skip, Ashley Thorndike #3, Russ Weston 2, Charlie Nash as lead, in their first match had the champion Montreal Thistles on the short end of a 10 - 8 score going into the final end. The Canadian boys came strong in the final end to win 11 - 10. This put the Ardsley #2 rink into the Griffith Medal Competition. Dick Wells was called away, and Ashley Thorndike took over the rink with Russ Weston #3, Charlie Nash #2 and Art Kemp, lead. With some fine curling, they beat St. Andrews #1 rink 9 - 6 on Friday afternoon. They were back on the ice Saturday morning against the old master, Willie Cuthbertson, with his Caledonia rink. Willie demonstrated he had not lost his old touch, and beat Ashley and his boys 16 to 8, and then went on to win the finals of the Griffith Competition.

The Windeler Competition got under way January 19. Ardsley #1, with a three man rink skipped by Bart Eddison, with Al Shaw and Hugh Leighton dividing up the 1, 2 and 3 positions, quickly got the feel of the very slow ice that night and finished 13 to 4 ahead of Ardsley #7 with Russ Weston skipping, aided (?) by Charlie Nash, Horace McAfee and Roy Ziegler. Ardsley #5, under the leadership of Cuyler Stevens, with Charlie Upjohn, Larry Achilles and Jack Gray, were nearly as rough with Bill May as the skip of Ardsley #2 rink, with Vick Hockmeyer, Bob Reed and Doug Thayer, Cuyler's boys winning 13 to 6.

Ardsley #8, with Ad Hastings as skip, Joe Ringland, our honorable President, and Nelson Kimball in his first competitive appearance of the year, in a tight match defeated Ardsley #6 with Ashley Thorndike, Bill Wood, Ralph Sheets and Charlie Wall. The score was remarkably low for an 11 end match, only 13 stones being scored by both sides, but Addie won 8 to 5.

The opening of the Jug Ogden Competition was played on Wednesday, January 20. Ardsley #1, with your Secretary as skip, ably supported by Jedge McAfee, Doug Thayer and Randy Caine, won 10 - 3 from Ardsley #3 with Hugh Leighton skipping, Eric Lagercranz, Lang Hockmeyer and Nelson Kimball. The game was much closer than the score would indicate, as all ends were of one stone each except one big end of four stones when the Jedge and Doug Thayer put four in the middle.

R. C. SHEETS,
Secretary.

WINDELER SCHEDULE

1954.

January 19	Eddison - Weston	May - Stevens	Thorndike - Hastings
21	Wells - Fiske		
26	Wells - Weston	May - Hastings	Eddison - Stevens
28	Fiske - Thorndike		
February 2	May - Wells	Fiske - Stevens	Eddison - Thorndike
4	Weston - Hastings		
9	Eddison - Wells	Fiske - Weston	May - Thorndike
11	Stevens - Hastings		
16	Stevens - Weston	Wells - Thorndike	Fiske - Hastings
18	Eddison - May		
23	May - Fiske	Thorndike - Weston	Eddison - Hastings
25	Stevens - Wells		
March 2	Wells - Hastings	Eddison - Fiske	Stevens - Thorndike
4	May - Weston		

MATCHES START AT 8:00 P.M. SHARP

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January 28, 1954.

It seems like several of our rinks have superstitions and preferences regarding the ice on which their match is played. In order to avoid any controversy, the Curling Committee has decided to assign a specific sheet of ice for each match in our Windeler Competition, as well as the color that each team is to use. We will post a copy of this schedule in the record book at the rink, and we are also enclosing a copy with this letter.

Another matter that has required a ruling by the Curling Committee is the use of substitutes in the Windeler Competition. The Curling Committee is continuing the ruling previously published that a substitute obtained from another rink will involve a penalty of two stones if the substitute is a Windeler skip, and one stone for other curlers. The Curling Committee has also ruled that a penalty of one stone will be assessed against any rink that is forced to play with only three men because of the inability to get a substitute.

The Ardsley rink that went up to the Utica Bonspiel last week-end reported a marvelous party and a lot of fun, despite the fact they carried no cups back with them. Ashley Thorndike, Al Shaw, Eddie Fiske and Art Kemp attended. Eddie Fiske and Al Shaw went up early for a reunion dinner of the group of American curlers which made the trip to Scotland. Our boys lost on Thursday to the Smith Falls, Ontario, rink by two stones, and that night lost to a Utica rink by a wider margin, however, they came back on the ice Friday afternoon and beat a rink composed of some of the U.S. curlers who had gone on the Scottish trip. On Saturday, they ran up against the Utica rink skipped by Lambert Grant and in a tight match were nosed out 10 - 8. The boys report it was a great gathering with about 32 rinks, and they had a delightful bonspiel dinner Friday night.

The Curling Committee has received an invitation from the Fredericton Curling Club of Fredericton, New Brunswick, to send a rink to their Centennial Celebration next year. They expect to have rinks from all over North America, and they have split their celebration into two separate bonspiels, each of one week's duration; the first week November 22 through 27, and the second, November 29 through December 4. There will be no entrance

or registration fee, and each entry will be assured a minimum of five games, and there will be the sectional playoff after that. Perhaps some of you who like your curling in big doses will want to lay your plans now for taking in what should be one of the biggest bonspiels of the year.

Last Thursday's Windeler match between Ardsley #3 with Dick Wells skipping, Chuck Stewart, Al Koehl and Roy Ziegler, and Ardsley #4 with Guy Robinson, C.v.B., John Lanigan and Charlie Wall, went to the Wells' rink 11 - 9. On Tuesday, January 26, Ardsley #3 with Dick Wells, Chuck Stewart, Brud Bickford and Charlie Wall tangled with Ardsley #7 with Hal Sothern at the helm and Horace McAfee, Charlie Nash and Bob Samuel. Coming from away behind, Hal Sothern's boys tied up 10 - 10 at the end of the 11th end, and went on to win, 11 - 10, in an extra end. Ardsley #1, again shorthanded, with Bart Eddison as skip, Al Shaw and Hugh Leighton laying the remaining stones, lost 14 - 8 to Cuyler Stevens rink with Charlie Upjohn, Larry Achilles and Ralph Sheets. Ardsley #8 with Ad Hastings skipping, including Bob Warner, Bob Marshall and Nelson Kimball, won 15 - 6 from Bill May and his Ardsley #2 rink with Vic Hockmeyer, Art Kemp and Bob Reed.

In the Jug Ogden Competition, Ardsley #2 with Joe Ringland, Doug Thayer, Bob Marshall and Guy Robinson, won from St. Andrews #2, 16 - 7, on Saturday, January 23. Ardsley #1, with Brud Bickford skipping, Bob Reed, Horace McAfee and Roy Ziegler, defeated St. Andrews #1, 8 - 6. Ardsley #3 with Hugh Leighton skipping, Eric Lagercranz, Jack Gray and Nelson Kimball, lost 14 - 7 to St. Andrews #2. On Sunday, January 24, Ardsley #2 with Joe Ringland skipping, Charlie Wall, Lang Hockmeyer and Bill May, beat Caledonia #2 12 - 6. On January 27, Ardsley #1 with Ralph Sheets as skip, Horace McAfee, Doug Thayer and Roy Ziegler, finished out in front of Caledonia #1, 10 - 8.

R. C. Sheets,
Secretary.

Enclosure.
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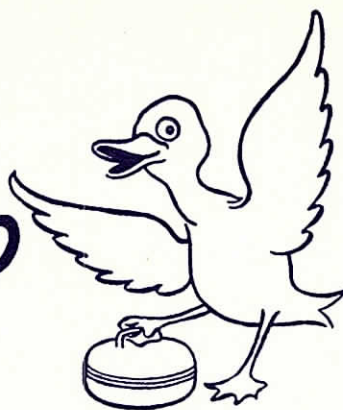
WINDELER CUP

Schedule of Matches and Ice

	<u>Ice</u>	<u>R e d</u>	<u>B l u e</u>
January 26	1	Wells	Weston
	2	Eddison	Stevens
	3	May	Hastings
January 28	1	Fiske	Thorndike ✓
February 2	1	Stevens	Fiske
	2	Wells	May
	3	Thorndike	Eddison
February 4	1	Weston	Hastings
February 9	1	May	Thorndike
	2	Fiske	Weston
	3	Eddison	Wells
February 11	1	Hastings	Stevens
February 16	1	Hastings	Fiske
	2	Thorndike	Wells
	3	Weston	Stevens
February 18	1	Eddison	May
February 23	1	Thorndike	Weston
	2	Hastings	Eddison
	3	May	Fiske
February 25	1	Stevens	Wells
March 2	1	Wells	Hastings
	2	Fiske	Eddison
	3	Stevens	Thorndike
March 4	1	Weston	May

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February 5, 1954.

Competition for the Ardsley Cup between six St. Andrews and six Ardsley rinks will be held Friday, February 12. Ardsley will be represented by six rinks with the same membership as our Utica Cup rinks. Following is the list of the Ardsley rinks and the time at which they will play:

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	<u>Ardsley #3</u>	<u>Ardsley #4</u>	<u>Ardsley #5</u>
Skip -	Weston	Fiske	Thorndike
	Allen	Achilles	Leighton
	Graaskamp	Griggs	R. McAfee
	Sothorn	L. Hockmeyer	Shaw
	Staley	H. McAfee	Sheets
	Thayer	Ringland	Upjohn
	Ziegler	Warner	Wall
		B. R. Wood	
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	<u>Ardsley #1</u>	<u>Ardsley #2</u>	<u>Ardsley #6</u>
Skip -	Wells	Stevens	May
	Eddison	Bickford	Gray
	Marshall	Caine	Hastings
	Nash	V. Hockmeyer	Kimball
	Robinson	Kemp	Lanigan
	Samuel	Kochl	Lueck
	Van Alstyne	Lagercrantz	Reed
	C.v.B.	C. M. Wood	Stewart
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Winner of this competition will be the Club securing the most net stones. The rink of the winning Club which produces the largest plus score over their competitor will be awarded the Ardsley Medal.

On Thursday, January 28, Eddie Fiske's Windeler rink of Guy Robinson, John Lanigan and Charlie Wall won handily from Ashley Thorndike, Bill Wood, Ralph Sheets and Lang Hockmeyer by a score of 10 - 5.

Results of the Windeler Competition on Tuesday, February 2 and Thursday, February 4, were as follows:

Tuesday, February 2	Griggs	Graaskamp
	Lueck	Lanigan
	Upjohn	C.v.B.
	Stevens	Robinson
	10	9
	Thayer	Allen
	Reed	Bickford
	V. Hockmeyer	Koehl
	May	Wells
	12	10
	Wall	Samuel
	Sheets	Warner
	B. R. Wood	Leighton
	Thorndike	Shaw
	13	4
Thursday, February 4	Ardsley #7	Ardsley #8
	Thorndike	L. Hockmeyer
	Sheets	Graaskamp
	H. McAfee	Ringland
	Nash	Fiske
	14	12

On Thursday, February 4, Charlie Nash was skipping for Russ Weston's Windeler rink, including a couple of subs. He had Horace McAfee at 3, Ralph Sheets at 2, and Ashley Thorndike leading against Eddie Fiske's rink with Joe Ringland, Graasy and Lang Hockmeyer. Charlie's crew was behind 10 - 1 about the 5th end.

Competition for the Kimbel Plaque continued Sunday, January 31 between two Ardsley rinks. Ad Hastings, with Dick Wells, Ashley Thorndike and Graasy had to go an extra end to win 11 - 10 from Cuyler Stevens, Bill May, Vic Hockmeyer and Charlie Upjohn.

The playoff on January 30 of the Wilds Matches postponed from the first day's schedule brought the Wilds Medal to the Ardsley Club when Ad Hastings with his Ardsley #3 rink, including Hal Sothern, Bob Warner and Guy Robinson, won from St. Andrews #3 with Lee McCullough skipping. Final score of this match was 12 - 7. This was the deciding match of the competition, and congratulations are in order for Ad Hastings and his rink.

Other Wilds matches in that day's activity were Cuyler Stevens with Barton Eddison, Bob Samuel and Mait Griggs winning from St. Andrews #4 by a 14 - 4 score. Ardsley #1 with Eddie Fiske as

skip, Russ Weston, Joe Ringland and Roger Lueck won 12 - 9 from St. Andrews #1 with Mort Fry skipping. Ardsley #2 with Dick Wells at the helm and Vic Hockmeyer, Chuck Stewart and Horace McAfee won handily from St. Andrews #2 with Mort Locke skipping.

In the Jug Ogden competition on Wednesday, February 3, Ardsley #2 with Joe Ringland skipping, Brud Bickford, Bert Allen and Ad Hastings lost in an extra end to Mahopac #1 by a score of 13 - 14.

Ardsley sent a rink to Nashua on January 29 - 30 for the Dykes Competition. B. R. Wood skipped the crew with Charlie Nash at #3, Ralph Sheets #2 and Vic Hockmeyer as lead. In their first match against the St. Andrews rink the Ardsley boys were admittedly the hottest curlers on the ice and they won by a topheavy score. Perhaps this success went to their heads, but more than likely it was bourbon. The next morning at eleven, they looked like a bunch of beginners in their match against Nashua #1 skipped by Harry Coronis.

The Ardsley boys are getting to be travelers. We have two rinks in Chicago this week-end and one in Nashua. I hope to have more favorable reports on the activities of these boys next week.

R. C. SHEETS,
Secretary.

RCS:CB.

The Ardsley Curling Club

Kindly address your reply to:

Ralph C. Sheets,
Hudson House,
Ardsley-on-Hudson, N.Y.

February 10, 1954.

This letter is being sent to determine the sentiment of the Club regarding the 1954-55 curling season.

Linc Seibert, St. Andrew's curling chairman, has made the excellent suggestion that a meeting be held as soon as possible after the curling season, so that both the Westchester Curling Association clubs and St. Andrew's can make orderly and businesslike arrangements for the new season. Ardsley has signified its enthusiasm for such a meeting.

The meeting will also enable St. Andrew's to prepare a budget and schedule needed repairs and improvements on an efficient basis.

Ideally, St. Andrew's would like a curling income of \$7,200 in the 1954-55 season from the Westchester Curling Association, to make curling self-supporting and make the improvements that will put the rinkhouse and ice in top curling condition. They received \$5,160 in the season just ending -- \$2,400 from Ardsley, \$1,200 from the Wicks, \$840 from Caledonia, and \$720 from Mahopac. This would require about thirty-five new members, at \$60 per man.

Your officers feel that they should advise the Club of their own reactions to St. Andrew's proposal as it affects Ardsley, and in addition solicit your prompt and thoughtful answers to the attached questionnaire, in order that they may make firm proposals to place before the membership at the closing dinner on March 16, and, even more important, so that they can make firm commitments for the 1954-55 season when they meet with St. Andrew's and the Westchester Curling group.

Your officers recommend:

1. That Ardsley rent four sheets of ice in the new season.
2. That the group now curling on Friday night be urged to seek membership in either Caledonia or Mahopac.
3. That Ardsley agree to try for the 1954-55 season a schedule consisting of two sheets on Tuesday and two on Thursday.

These recommendations are based on the following reasons:

1. It would be an irreparable loss to curling in the Metropolitan District if the Caledonians were forced to disband.
2. Ardsley, with its present membership and its presently organized competitions, has reached a size beyond which it should not expand, unless it controls its own ice and can organize Bonspiels at which it could be host to other Grand National and affiliated clubs.
3. New curlers joining Caledonia or Mahopac should get much more curling at home and more Bonspiel experience than with Ardsley, since Ardsley's invitations are not likely to increase above the number of rinks now being invited.
4. Ardsley's use of two sheets on Tuesday and two on Thursday would allow the Caledonians to have one sheet on each of those nights, and give the men now curling on Fridays the chance to fraternize with their Ardsley sponsors.

Your prompt return of the completed questionnaire, in the enclosed return envelope, will be of great assistance to us in making 1954-55 plans.

R. C. Sheets,
Secretary.

Enclosures.
C.B.

1954-55 Season

I do _____

do not _____ plan to curl this fall.

I favor a membership of _____ 46, as in 1953-54. _____

decreased to _____

increased to _____

I favor renting _____ 4 sheets of ice _____.

3 sheets of ice _____.

6 sheets of ice _____.

If 4 sheets, then _____ 3 on Tuesday, 1 Thursday _____.

2 each on Tuesday and
Thursday _____.

Would you pay more than \$60. as ice rental, if necessary?

Yes _____ No _____.

Please list any complaints, commendations, or comments about either
the 1953-54 or 1954-55 seasons.

Signature

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February 10, 1954.

Your Secretary has taken a rough riding on last week's issue. It seems as though there were more errors in the reporting than reliable news. The time schedule for the Ardsley rinks in the Ardsley Cup Competition is pretty well jumbled, however, C.v.B., our alert Curling Chairman, was able to give the Skips the correct timing for their appearance.

In another section we reported Eddie Fiske as being Skip of Ardsley #8 in the Windeler Competition which lost to Charlie Nash's rink. As a matter of fact, Ad Hastings was at the helm of that rink and maintains he wants credit for being on the ice, win, lose or draw! I guess your Secretary was still under the influence of some of that Nashua bourbon.

Two Ardsley rinks went to the Chicago Bonspiel and reported that it was one of the best run bonspiels they had ever attended, and the quality of the curling was exceptionally high. Bob Warner's crew with Al Hoehl and Bob Reed started off with Bob Marshall as lead and lost a tough first match to a Chicago rink. The Ardsley rink at the end of the 6th end had a 7 - 0 lead, then the Chicago boys got on the broom, scored two consecutive 4 ends, and finished in front 9 - 8. In their match against the Hamilton Thistles, Warner's boys again jumped into a lead of 7 - 1 and going into the last end were ahead 8 - 7, but again lost with a close score of 9 - 8. A rink from Sarnia which had won some Canadian championships and a strong rink from Madison, Wisconsin, proved too tough for our boys and the Warner rink ended up with four losses.

Vic Hockmeyer's rink with Bill Wood at #3, Jack Gray #2, and Art Kemp lead, got off to a good start winning the first two games. In their first match they ran up against the champions of the Chicago Curling Club who had won the Dundee Elimination to qualify for this bonspiel. All of the Ardsley crew had a fine touch in that match and won from the Chicago champions 9 - 8. In their next match they ran up against an old time Skip - Ehlert from the Milwaukee Curling Club - and another nip and tuck battle resulted. The boys were tied 7 - 7 at the end of the 8th. They lost three stones in the 9th end, but came right back in the final end to tie it up 10 - 10, and scored two in the extra end for a thrilling win, 12 - 10. In their next match they ran into

Hal Sothern, with Charlie Nash at #3, Horace McAfee #2 and Bob Samuel as lead, went into the final end tied up with Eddie Fiske's rink of Guy Robinson, C.v.B and Ralph McAfee. Hal's rink took two stones in the final end to win 14 - 12. It was good to see Ralph McAfee back on the ice after a little tussle with the throat surgeon.

Over on the third sheet, Dick Wells with Al Koehl, Chuck Stewart and Roy Ziegler, laid down a 12 - 9 win over Al Shaw with Hugh Leighton, Graasy and Bob Marshall.

Standings in the Windeler Competition through February 9 show -

	Won	Lost
Stevens	3	0
Weston	3	1
Hastings	2	1
May	2	2
Wells	2	2
Thorndike	1	3
Eddison	1	3
Fiske	1	3

Pat Fitzpatrick, one of our former members, paid us a visit Tuesday night and did a little plate glass skipping. We were all glad to see Pat and have a chance to visit with him.

The Year-End Dinner of the Ardsley Curling Club will be held on Tuesday, March 16. Having so successfully handled our other dinners, Bill Wood has been named Chairman of the closing dinner. Will you please reserve the date, and details of time, place, etc., will be announced later.

Lake Placid has announced the Sno Birds Second Annual International Bonspiel for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 11, 12 and 13 on the Indoor Ice of the Olympic Arena at Lake Placid, and have asked that entries be returned no later than February 24. You will recall this competition was the one attended last year by the Happiness Boys - Warner, Koehl, Reed and Gray. The boys not only had a glorious time, but brought back a cup. This rink is returning to Lake Placid to defend their laurels, but there is room for another Ardsley rink or two. If you can get away, please make your interest known promptly to the Curling Chairman, C.v.B.

R. C. SHEETS,
Secretary.

Mr. Curling himself - Ken Watson - and his rink from Alberta. Mr. Watson and his boys saw to it that his Ardsley competition dropped out of the main event and went on to a quest for the Fourth Consolidation Medal. While our boys fared no better in this one, they ended up with a very creditable score considering the quality of the competition - winning two and losing two matches.

In the competition at Nashua last week-end for the Granite State Trophy, Cuyler Stevens took a strong rink with Bill May #3, Hugh Leighton #2, and Albie Shaw at lead. The boys won the first match from the Winchester Club and their second match from a Country Club rink, putting them in the semi-finals for the Granite State Trophy. Here they ran into a strong Nashua rink skipped by Sanborn and lost a tight match. The boys reported a wonderful week-end and some very fine curling for the whole crew.

The Jug Ogden Competition continues very keen with two Ardsley rinks still in the contending position for the medal. On Saturday, Hugh Leighton's rink, skipped by Lang Hockmeyer, Ralph Sheets #3, Mait Griggs #2 and Nelson Kimball lead, won 17 - 5 from a Mahopac rink. On the same day, Joe Ringland with Bob Samuel #3, Guy Robinson #2 and Bert Allen as lead overcame a 6 stone lead established earlier by Brud Bickford's rink and Joe went on to win 13 - 6. Brud had with him Doug Thayer as #3, Randy Caine #2 and Charlie Colgan as lead.

On Sunday, February 7, Lang Hockmeyer took Hugh Leighton's rink back on to the ice with Doug Thayer #3, Mait Griggs #2 and Nelson Kimball as lead, and lost in the final end to Caledonia #1 skipped by Gil Newton, Jr.

Present standings of the Ardsley rinks in the Jug Ogden Competition are as follows:

Ardsley #1	Won 3	Lost 1
Ardsley #2	3	1
Ardsley #3	1	3

In the Windeler Competition so far this week, three matches were played. Ardsley #2 with Bill May skipping Vic Hockmeyer and Doug Thayer, found it necessary to bring in a ringer at lead, borrowing Ad Hastings, and despite the net penalty one stone against them, Bill's rink ended up on the long end of a 12 - 6 score. Ashley Thorndike had your Editor as #3, Lang Hockmeyer #2 and Randy Caine as Lead. Tuesday night saw Randy really getting back into the swing of things after his layoff last year with a broken ankle. Randy parked a lot of stones in the house as lead man.

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for Ardsley Curlers



February 18, 1954.

IT WAS CURLING, THAT'S WHAT IT WAS!

They was four fellers left Ardsley about daybreak on Lincoln's birthday and drove all the way to Schenectady to get into one of the silliest games I ever see. Ad Hastings picked up Roger Lueck and Ralph Sheets at Hudson House and Larry Achilles at Irvington and off they went. By noon they was settled into the Van Curler with a bucket of ice and the makins. And they made some.

Well, after lunch they all went out past Union College, bowing reverently as they went by in honor of Brither May, a former inmate there, and wound up at a big building near the Fire Station. Now, I don't expect you to believe it, but this building was built over a big pond and it was all frozen over and a big crowd of men, women and kids sittin there and watchin this pond.

Was a feller there name of Dick Davis said we been waitin for you Ardsley boys - you go out on the pond and play against some people that came in here from Boston. They was four men from THE country club. One feller named Allen had on a fancy sash and was clearly the leader and they all had on more medals than Harry Vaughn.

Over in the corner was a bunch of stones bigger than a loaf of sour rye bread and all of them had handles stickin out the top. Well - this fellow Little from Boston kicked one of these stones out on the pond. It was still moving, so he hit it a couple of times with his broom to quiet it down and then flung it down the pond at this fellow Allen in the fancy sash - same kind of sash one of our Ardsley boys wears, Bart Eddison.

Well - these Boston and Ardsley fellers kept throwin those stones from one end of the pond to the other and when one feller would throw a stone, two of his buddies would git out there with big brooms and sweep like a couple of maniacs. I guess they was tryin to sweep a hole in the pond and sink the stones. Anyway, none of the men got hit by the stones and after going back and forth a dozen times somebody said everything was all tied up 13 to 13. So they started to throwin the stones down to the other end again. Still, nobody got hit

with one of those rocks but this big feller Hastings from Ardsley hit Allen's stone that was laying on the pink circle and knocked it way back on the pond and they was a big roar from the people sittin in the greenhouse. And they all said Ardsley won.

After that these guys waved their hats around and hollered at each other like a bunch of Indians. They was no fight but everybody shook hands anyway.

Well - the next afternoon these Ardsley fellows went back out to the pond and got to throwin rocks again with some men from St. Andrews. One of them - seemed to be the boss - was named McCullough and they called him "Wolf". Come to think of it, he did howl pretty loud at those fellers with the brooms and louder when they said at the end of the eleventh inning that he had already lost the game 15 to 6 and they was no use to throw any more stones. Just to show they was no hard feelins, I guess, they all went out and polished off a couple bottles of Old Mackintosh - cider, that is. Then Larry Achilles took all the Ardsley boys down to his tepee - the Mohawk Club - and fed them a big steak to get them in shape for the finals on Sunday afternoon.

Well, the greenhouse was full on Sunday afternoon and they was other people standin around the pond, and they was four big fellers from Utica out on the ice waiting when the Ardsley boys came in. Then a man walked in with the damndest get-up on you ever saw. Had on a short skirt and a tight jacket that musta belonged to his little sister, a big floppy cap with no bill. His sox were way too short and his knees were bare, and how he kept from freezing I don't know. He was carrying a big bag under his arm with ribbons and pipes sticking out all over it. And he was huffin and puffin into one of those pipes and the bag was squealing like a stuck pig. The more he huffed the louder she squealed, and everyone fell in behind and marched up and down the pond. Well, they all finally saw they was gettin no place, so the Ardsley and Utica boys quit marching. One of the Utica boys threw up a coin and everyone went over to look at it. It was a quarter. So Roger Lueck opened up the stone-throwin again.

When they finished the ninth inning the score was all tied up 10 to 10 and the Ardsley boys pulled in front 11 to 10 at the end of the tenth. But it seems up there they've got different rules, cause they kept on throwin stones back and forth for fourteen innings. The Ardsley boys wanted to go on because they were behind 18 to 11, but they must have needed the pond for a shinny game, and the boss made everybody put the rocks back and quit. He said Utica had won the Gordon.

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On Sunday, the 14th, in a tight competition for the Kimbel Plaque, the St. Andrews rink skipped by Henry Kelley, with Mort Locke, Buddy Arndt and The Thorndike, won a nip and tuck battle from Dick Wells, Ashley Thorndike, Bill Wood and Guy Robinson by 12 - 11.

On February 11th, Ad Hastings' rink took over Cuyler Stevens in the Windeler Competition, to give Cuyler his first loss. On Tuesday, the 16th, Cuyler's rink won from Russ Weston. Ashley Thorndike won from Dick Wells and Ad Hastings won from Eddie Fiske. Standings of the Windeler Competition through February 16 show:

Eddison	Won 1	Lost 3
Weston	3	2
May	2	2
Stevens	4	1
Thorndike	2	3
Hastings	4	1
Wells	2	3
Fiske	1	4

The Jug Ogden Competition is drawing into its final stages, and the scoreboard in the locker room looks like St. Andrews rink #3 is out in front. Standings of the Ardsley rinks in the Jug Ogden contests through Wednesday, February 17, show:

Ardsley #1	Won 4	Lost 2
Ardsley #2	3	3
Ardsley #3	2	4

There will be no activity in the Jug Ogden competition the week-end of February 20 - 21 because curling for the District Championship will be taking place on those days.

In the competition for the Ardsley Cup which took place on Lincoln's birthday between six Ardsley and six St. Andrews rinks, our Ardsley crews won three matches and lost three, but the St. Andrews members came up with the greatest total score and won by a score of 13 net plus. Scores of the matches were as follows:

Ashley Thorndike won 13 - 5 from Doc Kinney
Dick Wells won 14 - 13 from Henry Kelley
Vic Hockmeyer won 13 - 12 from Mort Locke
Bill May lost 6 - 20 to Fry
Bob Warner lost 12 - 16 to Dudley
Hal Sothern lost 8 - 13 to Ruston

The total score shows Ardsley with 66 stones and St. Andrews with 79, making the second year in a row that St. Andrews has won the Ardsley Cup.

Due to the holiday on Monday, February 22, the club employees are having their day off on Tuesday, February 23, and the Windeler matches which had been scheduled for that day will be played on Wednesday, February 24. Rinks due on the ice that day are:

May vs. Fiske
Thorndike vs. Weston
Eddison vs. Hastings

and if opposing skips should find it impossible to play on Wednesday, the 24th, it will be possible to arrange through C.v.B. to play on Tuesday, the 23rd, however, the clubhouse will not be open so there will be no access to lockers or liquor and the curling house will not be heated. Furthermore, any rinks that use the ice on Tuesday should be especially careful to remove all stones from the ice at the completion of the match so there will not be holes melted in the ice. All in all, it is hoped that each skip will be able to get his rink there on Wednesday, February 24th.

So far we have had nineteen replies to the questionnaire sent to all active curling members. I hope the rest of you will take this inquiry seriously and send in your replies. We hope to tabulate them all and give a report at the Annual Dinner March 16th.

R. C. SHEETS,
Secretary.

RCS:CB.

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for Ardsley Curlers



February 26, 1954.

ALL ARDSLEY FINAL IN THE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES!

The championship matches for District #2 were held at St. Andrews on February 20 and 21 with each of the four clubs in the metropolitan area entering two rinks. When the competition had worked down to the finals, the two Ardsley rinks were still battling for the championship. The Ardsley #1 rink was skipped by Ad Hastings, with Ashley Thorndike at 3, Vic Hockmeyer at 2, and Ralph Sheets leading. Ardsley #2 had Dick Wells skipping with Russ Weston at lead, Cuyler Stevens #2 and Eddie Fiske at 3.

In the semi-final round, Dick Wells' rink came from behind in their match with Caledonia #2 and tied it up in the final end with 12 all, then scored one stone in the extra end for a 13 - 12 win, and moved into the finals along with their clubmates on the Ardsley #1 rink. In the finals the match was very tight until well toward the finish of the 14 end match, when Ad Hastings and his boys scored a 5 end that was a back-breaker for Dick.

With this win, the Ardsley Club qualifies as the Champion of District #2 and becomes entitled to send a rink to compete for the Royal Caledonia Trophy in Montreal on March 26 and 27.

The chart on the following page will give you the progress of the Ardsley rinks through the matches.

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Standings in the Windeler Competition through
February 25 show -

	Won	Lost
Hastings	4	1
Stevens	4	2
Weston	4	2
May	3	3
Wells	3	3
Fiske	2	4
Thorndike	2	4
Eddison	1	4

DISTRICT BONSPIEL

February 20 and February 21

Ardsley #2 Dick Wells				
St. Andrews #2 Locke	Ardsley #2 16 - 14			
Caledonia #2 Newton, Sr.		Ardsley #2 13 - 12		
St. Andrews #2 Carl	Caledonia #2 12 - 10			
Caledonia #1 Cuthbertson			Ardsley #1 16 - 10	
Mahopac #2 McFarlane	Caledonia #1 13 - 7			
Ardsley #1 Ad Hastings		Ardsley #1 14 - 10		
Mahopac #1 Halstead	Ardsley #1 16 - 8			

The Ardsley boys are traveling again. Two rinks have gone up to the Country Club at Brookline to compete for the Stockton Cup, and another rink has gone to Montreal to compete for the Elgin trophy. I hope we will have good news to report on their quest in our next issue.

R. C. SHEETS,
Secretary.

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March 3, 1954.

ARDSLEY WINS THE CLYDE PARK CUP

Ardsley rinks which journeyed afar over the past week-end brought credit to their Club. Two rinks went to the Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, to compete for the Stockton Cup and the Clyde Park Cup. Barton Eddison's rink with Vic Hockmeyer at 3, Hal Sothern at 2 and Mait Griggs in the lead position, had a rough time, losing by four stones to John Jay and his Winchester rink in the first round of the Stockton Cup competition, and lost to a Country Club rink in the first round of the competition for the Clyde Park Cup.

Ardsley's other rink, skipped by Ad Hastings, with Dick Wells at 3, Ashley Thorndike at 2, Bill Wood at lead, were unable to overcome a 10 - 0 lead amassed by a strong Detroit rink in the first four ends, and lost the first round to the defending champions from Detroit 14 - 8. Their wounds were salved when the Detroit rink went on through the Stockton Cup competition without a defeat and retained the title which they had gained last year. Undaunted, Ad Hastings and his crew dropped into the Clyde Park competition, and took three successive games from strong Canadian rinks. They won the first round from the Hamilton Thistles, semi-finals from a Quebec Victoria rink, and finished strong, winning in the finals from a Sherbrooke rink in eleven ends. This marks the second time that an Ardsley rink has won the Clyde Park Cup, the previous win having been scored with Barton Eddison as skip.

Eddie Fiske and Al Shaw went up to the Siegnior Club in Montebello for their Member-Guest Bonspiel. They curled on a rink with Alex Howatson of the Royal Montreal Club as skip, Eddie Fiske at 3, Wilson of the Royal Montreal #2, and Al Shaw as lead. The boys won all three of their matches, and were improving as they went along. They won the first match by one stone, the second match by five stones, and the third by eight stones. There were twenty-eight rinks entered in this competition, each rink playing three matches. Each rink which won all three games counted their total stones to determine the winner, and the Ardsley guests were right in there with a fourteen stone total, which gave them second place in the bonspiel and won for them a miniature bronze curling stone.

Ardsley #1	Won 5	Lost 3
Ardsley #2	4	4
Ardsley #3	3	5

Each Ardsley rink has one more match to play on Saturday, March 6, in the Jug Ogden Competititon.

In the Windeler Competition there are three possible winners. Ad Hastings' rink has a present standing of 5 wins, one loss, with one postponed game still to be played against Barton Eddison's rink. Cuyler Stevens' rink has completed their schedule with a record of 5 wins, two losses, and Russ Weston's rink, which still has a game to play Thursday, March 4, has a present standing of 4 wins, 2 losses. If Ad Hastings wins his postponed match from Bart Eddison, he will be the winner without further ado. If he loses, he will be tied with Cuyler Stevens' rink and also with Russ Weston's group in the event Russ wins against Bill May on Thursday, March 4.

Standings of the Windeler Competition through March 2 show -

Hastings	Won 5	Lost 1	(one postponed)
Stevens	5	2	
Weston	4	2	
May	3	3	
Wells	3	4	
Eddison	2	4	(one postponed)
Fiske	5	2	
Thorndike	5	2	

We have had replies from 33 of the members on the Questionnaire about next year's curling. We are enclosing another copy of the Questionnaire in the envelopes of those members who have not yet answered. I hope you will all favor us by filling in this Questionnaire and adding any comments you care to make. Kindly return it promptly so that we may record the results for reporting at the Year End Dinner.

The Year End Dinner will be held on March 16 at the Ardsley Country Club. Please indicate on the enclosed postcard which is addressed to Bill Wood whether you will be among those present at the dinner. Don't forget to sign it!

R. C. SHEETS,
Secretary

RCS:CB.

Bill May took a rink up to Montreal on the 25th to compete for the Elgin Trophy. Charlie Nash was at 3, Hugh Leighton #2, and our Curling Chairman, C.v.B. was lead man, despite the handicap of an injured arm. On Thursday, our boys ried met a rink from the Montreal Heathers, on Friday morning a group from Lennoxville, and on Friday afternoon a rink from Deep River. Each of these matches was at a different club and our boys report excellent ice at each of them, but all of the Canadian rinks were in top form and our Ardsley boys were unable to score a single victory.

The Gordon International Medal is being curled for this week-end at Brookline. This is a competition between an equal number of United States and Canadian rinks, winner among the the two countries to be determined by total stones scored. Ad Hastings is taking an Ardsley rink which will include Eddie Fiske, Al Shaw and Art Kemp. The boys will be on their way tomorrow to help the American rinks win the medal.

Ardsley now plans to send two rinks up to the Sno Birds Bonspiel at the Lake Placid Club on March 11, 12 and 13. An additional rink from Ardsley could be accommodated if there are other curlers who would like to go up. The boys who were there last year report a wonderful time, and as you know, they brought back a trophy.

The Jug Ogden Competition has only one more week to go, and it looks now like St. Andrews #3 is almost into the winner's circle. They have won 6 and lost 1, and have two more matches to play this week-end. I believe there is a bare possibility that a Caledonia rink or St. Andrews #2 rink, which have a won 5, lost 2, record could crowd into a playoff. On February 17 Bob Reed skipped Ardsley #1 rink with Doug Thayer, Randy Caine and Art Kemp, and were rough on Mahopac #1. The Mahopac boys won only one end, and Bob brought his boys in ahead 13 - 4. The Ardsley #1 rink had to curl twice on Saturday, the 27th. In the morning fracas, Randy Caine, Guy Robinson, Doug Thayer and Ralph Sheets at skip, went into an extra end to win from Mahopac #2 by a single stone. Brud Bickford, with Horace McAfee at 3, Roy Ziegler and George Brewer, were less fortunate and caught St. Andrews #3 in a hot streak and lost by a lopsided score. On the same day, Ardsley #3 with Lang Hockmeyer, Chuck Stewart, Charlie Upjohn and Nelson Kimball put together a 9 - 6 win over Ardsley #2 skipped by Art Kemp with Bob Samuel, Ralph McAfee and Roger Lueck. On Sunday, the 28th, Mahopac #1 were too strong for Ardsley #3 with Hugh Leighton, Lang Hockmeyer, Bob Marshall and Nelson Kimball, Mahopac being the victor 15 - 6. However, the Ardsley #2 boys with Art Kemp skipping, Joe Ringland, Ralph McAfee and Roger Lueck took the Mahopac #2 rink into camp 14 - 4. Standing of the Ardsley rinks in the Jug Ogden through February 28 now show -

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March 12, 1954.

SAVED FROM A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH!

The best laid plans of mice and men.....but our hero, Ashley Thorndike, has come to the rescue. It seems as though the plans for the Closing Dinner for Tuesday, March 16, laid so well in advance overlooked the fact that Election Day is March 16. You know what that means....no liquor can be served in a public place while the polls are open. Ashley Thorndike has invited all of those attending the Year End Dinner of the Ardsley Curling Club to gather first at his house so that their aging joints may be lubricated from within. Ashley will be expecting us all around seven o'clock. Needless to say, there will be a small assessment against the membership to defray the costs of the refreshments there. Shortly before nine the crowd will move down to the Ardsley Country Club for our Year End Dinner. I am informed the bar will open there at nine o'clock.

Two St. Andrews rinks, #2 and #3, were tied for the lead at the finish of the regular schedule of the Jug Ogden Competition. With seven wins and two losses, there will be a play-off between these two rinks to decide the winner of the medals. The three Ardsley rinks finished with the following record:

Ardsley #1	Won 6	Lost 3
Ardsley #2	5	4
Ardsley #3	3	6

On Thursday, March 4, Russ Weston with Hal Sothern at #3, Charlie Nash and Horace McAfee as lead, won a tightly contested match from Bill May's rink which was skipped by Vic Hockmeyer with Bob Reed at 3, Art Kemp at 2 and Doug Thayer at lead. With this 12 - 11 win, Russ Weston kept the hopes of his rink alive in the Windeler Competition as he finished with a record of 5 wins and 2 losses. Ad Hastings' rink has a record of 5 won and 1 lost with a postponed game yet to be played between his rink and Barton Eddison's group. Standings of the Windeler Competition now show -

Hastings	Won 5	Lost 1
Stevens	5	2
Weston	5	2
Wells	3	4
May	3	4
Eddison	2	4
Thorndike	2	5
Fiske	2	5

Ad Hastings, Eddie Fiske, Al Shaw and Art Kemp went up to the Gordon International at The Country Club, and the boys all came home with a medal. Ad Hastings and Eddie Fiske divided the skipping duties, each of them skipping one match. The Ardsley boys won one match and lost one against the Canadian rinks. Your Secretary had a report on the results from each of the Skips and neither of them volunteered who skipped the rink to the victory. I will leave it to you to guess. But the Americans ended up 36 stones ahead of the combined Canadian rinks, thereby entitling each of the American players to the Gordon International Medal.

The first match on Friday afternoon was played on the Winchester Curling Club's new rink. The boys report this is one of the finest curling plants they have been privileged to visit. There is a very attractive clubhouse with three sheets of ice, the lighting is excellent, and the refrigerating plant is a very efficient one producing some of the truest and keenest ice the boys had used all year. The Saturday match was played at The Country Club in Brookline and afterwards there was an excellent dinner, all of the arrangements being well handled by Allen McIntyre. There were 21 Canadian rinks in attendance, and the Ardsley boys report one of the most enjoyable bonspiels of the year.

No report is available on the activities of the rinks at the Sno Birds Bonspiel at Lake Placid which is presently under way. We should have a report of their fortunes later.

See you all at Ashley's for cocktails at 7 P.M. Tuesday, March 16.

R. C. SHEETS,
Secretary

RCS:CB.

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for Ardsley Curlers



March 31, 1954.

The Year-end Dinner at the Ardsley Country Club was a great success. Several of our favorite members were unavoidably absent, but thirty of the boys were on hand for the festivities, the report on the past season's activities, and to discuss plans for the 1954-55 year. The curtain-raiser at Ashley Thorndike's gave the brithers a chance to go over in detail the victories and great shots of the year, and to wonder what in hell your skip was doing while the opponents built that gib 6-end which kept you from winning a medal.

After dinner, President Graaskamp gave the results of the questionnaire to the membership. The answers indicated that 80% of the members favored keeping the Club at its present size. And about an equal ratio were willing to use two sheets of ice on Tuesday and two on Thursday if such a schedule did not conflict with the desires of the other clubs. Several constructive suggestions were received with the questionnaire, and they will be referred to the appropriate committees for their consideration.

The following officers for the coming year were elected:

President	L. W. Graaskamp
Vice-President	Ashley Thorndike
Chairman of the Curling Committee	B. R. Wood
Secretary	Arthur Kemp

President Graaskamp appointed two committees which were asked to report to the meeting next fall; first, a Membership Committee to recommend a set of rules to govern the admission of any new members to the Ardsley Curling Club. This Committee will be composed of Ashley Thorndike, Chairman; Eddie Fiske, Hal Sothern and Lang Hockmeyer. A second Committee consisting of Cuyler Stevens, Chairman; Brud Bickford, Ad Hastings and Charlie Upjohn was appointed to explore the desirability, possibility and estimated cost of building an Ardsley Curling Club Rink. There was no thought that such a project could be initiated within the next year or two, but it is hoped that some plan for the eventual ownership of our own rink can be developed.

The final match in the Windeler had been played the preceeding week-end. Ad Hastings, with Bob Warner at #3, Joe Ringland at #2 and Nelson Kimball at lead won by 14 to 7 from Bart Eddison's crew which had Al Shaw at #3, Hugh Leighton playing #2 and Doug Thayer #1. With this victory, Ad Hastings and his Windeler Rink of Graaskamp, Kimball, Marshall, Ringland and Warner, finished the season with a record of six wins - one loss, for undisputed possession of the 1954 Windeler Trophy. Three rinks were tied at the bottom of the ladder and in a suspect three-way coin matching, Thorndike and Eddison fastened possession of the Fur Lined Mug upon Eddie Fiske and his rink.

Sno-Birds Bonspiel at Lake Placid

True to form, the Happiness Boys - Bob Warner, Skip, Vic Hockmeyer #3, Bob Reed #2 and Al Koehl #1, brought home another medal from their Lake Placid invasion March 11 - 13. While they lost the first two matches, they fought their way to victory in the competition for the Bronze Medal. In the semi-finals they scored 5 in the final end to finish 3 stones ahead of a strong Nashua rink, and in the finals against Lennoxville, Quebec, went into the last end 3 stones down. Undaunted, Warner and his crew built themselves another 5-end for a victory, and the consolation trophy. Lucky for those Canadians the Happiness Boys are not eligible for the McDonald Brier Matches!

Ardsley had a second rink up there - Davids among the Goliaths. Mait Griggs at #1, Bob Marshall #2, Doug Thayer #3 and Rog "Watson" Lueck at Skip. This was Roger's first attempt at skipping a rink, but while losing his first match to the Toronto Granites, he learned what this skipping job was all about and was all primed for his next battle, when who did he find himself pitted against but - you guessed it - The Happiness Boys from Ardsley! Rog and his crew flung a 6 end at them and when the smoke cleared away at the finish of the 9th, The Happiness Boys were behind 13 to 4 and the final end was never played. Rog and his boys lost their third match to a crack Saranac Lake Rink 13 to 10, but their resounding win from The Happiness Boys brought forth the following ditty from the losers, who sang it for the crowd at the dinner:

"Home on The Range"

Oh! Give me a rink
Where the skip doesn't stink
Number One doesn't hog all the stones...
Number three is so weak
When he looks at Rog Lueck
Polly Adler builds houses, Not Homes.
Stones go thru like figs
Propelled by Thayer, Marshall and Griggs,
Bob Warner gets sore
At his team and the score
And the match ends at 13 to 4.

Chorus

Ken Watson and Lueck
To each other and God only speak
The next day when sober
We took that rink over
And proved that their win was a freak.

The Royal Caledonian at Montreal

The closing Bonspiel of the season for the Royal Caledonian Trophy was held last week-end in Montreal and the Ardsley rink with Ad Hastings skipping, Eddie Fiske #3, Russ Weston #2 and Ralph Sheets lead, gave their Canadian brithers some strong competition - but not quite strong enough. In the first round against Ken Gebbie and his rink from the St. George Curling Club of Montreal, the Ardsley boys were all tied up 12 to 12 at the end of the regulation match, and lost in an extra end 15 to 12. In the second round against Fred Gilbert and his crew from Deep River, Ontario, Ardsley scored a strong win, 11 to 3. The third match against a Jacques Cartier rink from Quebec skipped by Gaston Amyot, found Ardsley leading 11 to 10 at the end of the 10th, but they lost 2 stones in the 11th and 2 in the 12th, to finish on the short end of a 14 to 11 final score. We all came away with the conviction that the Canadian curling is no better than Ardsley's, and that some day an Ardsley rink will come back wearing the Royal Caledonian Medal.

Curling on the Green

Our President is planning on throwing a Spring Bonspiel at the Graaskamp homestead on Sunday afternoon, June 20, for A' the Brithers and their ladies. Couldn't call it an "Ice-less" — what's a martini or a julep without ice? The Graaskamps have asked us all to put a ring around that date until more direct announcement arrives.

Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot

Some time ago Barton Eddison turned over to me a series of verses which had been written in the early days of the Ardsley Curling Club by Reverend Robert MacGowan, formerly the Presbyterian Minister in Irvington. Chesley Smith had discovered them among his father's papers, and passed them along to Barton who was one of the early curlers included in the list. I am sure that our present membership will find many a chuckle in the quips about their old friends.

While some of the original members have long since laid their last stones, I have tried to locate each of the

others to send along a copy for their enjoyment. I have been unable to learn where Rev. MacGowan can be reached, so if anyone knows his address in Florida, will you please give it to me?

And so your scribe brings to a close a very pleasant year as your Secretary. As many of you who have talked with her know, the real cook of the Duck Soup has been my little helpmate here, Claire Borick Friend. We hope you have liked it's flavor and we now pass the Chef's hat along to Art Kemp with our best wishes.

RALPH C. SHEETS,
Secretary.

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