

August 25, 1954

1954-55 Curling Season

Just Around the Corner!!

1. 1954-55 Membership

To get the ball rolling early, your secretary wishes first to get the membership mailing list in first class order so that new addressograph stencils can be cut and sets of envelopes addressed for future membership mailings.

Three pieces of information are required:

- 1. Will you be an active curling member this year?
- 2. Do you wish to apply for associate membership?
- 3. Do you wish to withdraw from membership?

Please correct and return the enclosed listing according to your wishes. Please mail it today! Thank you.

A new roster will be issued and mailed to the entire membership as soon as all corrected listings are received.

2. Local "Competitions" and "Rinks" to Be Scheduled Only After 1954-55 Membership Is Finalized

Another reason to "return your membership listing" promptly is to assist the Curling Committee in preparing the rinks and schedules for the Blanton, Windler, Wilds and Jug Ogden competitions. Your cooperation is earnestly solicited.

3. The President's Report on the Westchester Curling Association Meetings of May 13th and June 24th

"Ardsley is to supply the officers for the Westchester Curling Association for the coming year, with the exception of Rene Clarke, who is the perpetual secretary. I am sending a copy of this letter to notify the following that they hold these offices in the Association:

Ashley Thorndike Ward Van Alstyne B. R. Wood

Vice President Treasurer Chairman of the Schedule Committee

For Mr. Wood's benefit I am also setting down that there will undoubtedly be no Utica-Archibald event this year, in order that space may be provided in the curling schedule for the Caledonian 100th Anniversary Bonspiel, which will be hold at St. Andrews on an as yet unscheduled date."

Minutes of the Westchester Curling Association - May 13, 1954

Present: W. Tyler Halsted, President Mahopac C. C. Lester Graaskamp, Ardsley C. C.

Lester Graaskamp, Ardsley C. C. Frank Walton, Treasurer Mahopac C. C. Frank Baker, N. Y. Caledonian C. C.

W. Lincoln Seibert, Chairman, St. Andrews Rene Clarke, Secretary

No decisions were reached as this was intended only as an exploratory session to discuss plans for 1954-55.

Subject under discussion: N. Y. Caledonian Centennial. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that as this was the first Grand National club to celebrate one hundred years of Curling, a special date would be set aside for the event and all clubs agreed to cooperate to make this event a success. It was suggested that the Utica Archibald bonspiel either be moved to an earlier date, i.e. 1954 December, or abandoned for this year.

Subject: Pooling of members to raise membership in smaller clubs to make more effective use of ice. Ardsley volunteered to make available to Mahopac and Caledonian their waiting list if any such would find advantage in being affiliated with other clubs until vacancies occurred at Ardsley.

Mr. Seibert quoted a possible per sheet rental of 700 per sheet for one sheet, 1300 for two and 1800 for three sheets. It was also suggested that a reshuffling of nights and sheets might enable us to fill more effectively the 12 available mid-week sheets.

The meeting was adjourned to June 25th at St. Andrews subject to confirmation.

Minutes of the meeting of the Westchester Curling Association with St. Andrews Golf Club - June 25, 1954

Present: W. Tyler Halsted President

Lester Graaskamp Ardsley
Frank Walton Mahopac
Frank Baker Caledonian

W. Lincoln Seibert St. Andrews L. W. McCullough St. Andrews Rene Clarke Secretary

Mr. Graaskamp, the new President of the Association, presided.

Owing to the necessity of providing more revenue for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the Rink, the following tarriffs will be imposed in the 154-55 season:

1 Sheet \$ 700 2 Sheets \$ 1300 4 Sheets \$ 2400

Caledonian and Mahopac subscribed for 2 sheets and Ardsley for 4. St. Andrews proposed that 2 sheets Wednesday night be allotted to St. Andrews until December 31, 1954, and same sheets revert to Caledonian for the rest of the season.

St. Andrews approved the holding of the Caledonian Centennial Bonspiel in place of the Utica Archibald event provided the event could be scheduled at some time other than the weekend before the Douglas-Griffith.

The Association voted to elect St. Andrews Golf Club as an Honorary Member of the Association.

4. Who Are the "Remaining Six"?

Ward Van Alstyne's letter appears to be self-explanatory, so I reprint it.

"The meeting to which I refer was the cocktail party on March 16th, for which Ash lent the facilities of his house prior to the final dinner of the Curling Club.

Bill Woods and Grassy gave me the names of 29, whereas there were actually 35 present. I reimbursed Ash for the whole thing and then prorated it among the 35 present. If you will put a note in your first memo to that effect and ask anyone who was not billed to please let me know, or, preferably, send me a check for \$3.95, I would indeed appreciate it."

5. The "Scots" Will Visit America This Year

Albie Shaw is Chairman of arrangements for the Scots' tour of American curling clubs. He advises "the Scots" will curl at St. Andrews. Keep this occasion in mind and plan to come out and see how our "brithers overseas" lay a stone.

6. Orders Now Being Taken at Wallachs for the New Ardsley Curling Club Jackets

Jack Grey's kind offer to make up special navy-blue, all wool, Blazer Curling Coats at cost for Ardsley members still holds. Several members already have responded, so if you are interested, please call at Wallach's "45th Street" store (ask for Charlie Ciri) so they can take your measurements. It would assist Jack greatly if the entire Club order could be put through at once, so please advise as soon as possible. You get a \$65 garment for only \$35. Need we say more?

7. New Supply of Ardsley "Pins" on Order

Ward Van Alstyne, "the keeper of the funds" announces a new supply of Ardsley "badges" will be available early this Fall. If you have need for a new supply, put in your order early -- \$1.25 each.

8. Grand National "Schedule" to Be Mailed Soon After October 15th

Just as soon as we have received the official Schedule of Grand National Bonspiels, it will be forwarded to you. Remember, however, that there are several early Canadian Bonspiels to which the Ardsley Curling Club members are invited. If you are interested, call Bill Wood, the Curling Chairman.

9. "Iceless" Bonspiel to Be Held on October 8th, 9th and 10th at Lake Placid This Year

Complete information will be sent to you immediately upon receipt. In the meantime, start brushing up on your golf and quoits games — and above all suggest to the little lady that she start making arrangements to attend. Hotel reservations and tarriff information soon will be on its way to you.

Yours for a most enjoyable Curling season ahead!

Art Kemp Secretary

Rinks

WINDELER - 1954-55

11 Ends

	Rink 1	Rink 2	Rink 3	Rink 4
Skip	MAY Bickford Fiske Marshall Nash Nolan	HOCKMEYER - Graaskamp Lanigan H. McAfee Upjohn Sheets	HASTINGS Conley Lueck Thayer Wall Stewart	WELLS CvB Edens L. Hockmeyer Samuel Robinson
Skip	Rink 5 STEVENS Kimball Koehl Leighton Riggio Sothern	Rink 6 THORNDIKE Griggs Jones Warner M. Wood Ringland	Rink 7 EDDISON Gray Kemp Stevenson R. McAfee B. R. Wood	Rink 8 WESTON Achilles Colgan Reed Shaw Sutph£n

Windeler Competion will be Round Robin.

Each rink curling seven times.

Matches will start Tuesday, January 4th.

Each match is 11 ends.

Competition starts at 8 o'clock.

If a substitute is obtained from another rink, the penalty is two stones for Windeler Skips, one stone for any other curler.

BLANTON

10 Ends

	Rink A	Rink B	Rink C	Rink D
<u>Skip</u>	MAY Allen Bickford V.Hockmeyer Marshall Nash	SOTHERN Kimball Koehl Leighton Riggio Stevens	SHEETS Fiske Graaskamp Lanagan H. McAfee Upjohn	RINGLAND Griggs Jones Thorndike Warner M. Wood
	Rink E	Rink F	Rink G	Rink H
<u>Skip</u>	STEWART Conley Hastings Leuck Thayer Wall	B.R.Wood Eddison Gray Kemp Stevenson R. McAfee	ROBINSON C.v.B. Edens L.Hockmeyer Samuel Wells	ACHILLES Colgan Reed Shaw Sutphen Weston

The four first night winners in this competition will curl for the Gold Medal. The four losers will curl for the Silver Medal. After the first night, competition between the Gold Medal Group and the Silver Medal Group will be Round-Robin. In case of ties, winners will be determined on the basis of total stones. This will necessitate finishing all ends.

The following are not permitted to Skip in the Blanton:

Messrs. Weston
Stevens
Thorndike
Eddison
Fiske
Wells
Hastings
V. Hockmeyer

Substitutes from other rinks: Penalty - one stone.

If any of the above named Skips substitute: Penalty - two stones.

All substitutes play No. 1; if two substitutes are needed, they play No. 1 and No. 2.

WILDS RINKS

		#1	#2	#3	#4
Co-Skips	(EDDISON	FISKE	STEVENS	THORNDIKE
	(HASTINGS	V. HOCKMEYER	WELLS	WESTON
		Conley	' Allen	C.v.B.	Achilles
		Gray	Bickford	Edens	Colgan
		Kemp	Graaskamp	L.Hockmeyer	Griggs
		Leuck	Lanagan	Kimball	Jones
		R. McAfee	Marshall	Koehl	Reed
7.47		Stevenson	H.McAfee	Leighton	Ringland
		Stewart	May	Riggio	Shaw
		Thayer	Nash	Robinson	Sutphen
		Wall	Sheets	Samue1	Warner
		B.R.Wood	Upjohn	Sothern	M.Wood

ATTENTION CO-SKIPS: You are to alternate the skipping of your rinks or arrange so that each Skip handles one-half of the matches. Co-Skips may not curl together unless they are unable otherwise to get a full rink. You are also obliged to arrange your curling so that each man on your rink will have an equal opportunity to curl. Keep a record of your men who have curled for you, and rotate the opportunities.

ATTENTION ALL CURLERS: Any time an Ardsley rink is scheduled on the ice and you are not curling with your Skip, call <u>DOBBS FERRY 3-0111</u> and record the fact that you are available. Other Skips may be looking for a substitute. (This goes for Blanton matches, too.)

SCHEDULE OF WILDS MATCHES A Competition between St. Andrew's, Ardsley, Caledonia and Mahopac

		9:45		. 1	2:15			2:45	
December	Ice #1	#2	#3.	Ice #1.	#2	#3	Ice #1	#2	#3
Sat. 4		S2-S4	S1-S3		A3-C1	A2-A4		A1-M1	C2-M2
Sun 5	A1-C1		A2-C2	A4-M2		A3-M1	S1-S4		S2-S3
Sat. 11	S3-A3	S4-A4	•	S1-A1	S2-A2		C2-M1	C1-M2	
Sun. 12		S1-A2	54-A3		S3-M1	A1-M2		S2-C2	A4-C1
Sat. 18	A4-M1		A2-M2	S3-A1		S4-C2	S1-A3		S2-C1
Sun. 19	A2-C1	A1-C2		S2-A3	S1-A4		S4-M1	S3-M2	
Sun. 26		S2-M1	S3-C2	~	S1-M2	S4C1		A2-A3	A1-A4
January									
Sun. 2	\$2-M2	S1-M1	- West	S4-A2	A1-A3	Providence Companyor	A4-C2	S3-C1	
Sat. 8	BUZN HARREN	S1-C1	S2-A1	SHIPM PROMIS	S3-A4	A3-C2	2000 A CONTRACTOR A	S4-M2	A2-M1
Sun. 9	A3-M2		S4-A1	C1-M1		S2-A4	S1-C2		S3-A2
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			December	8:00	P.M.	Ice	Rinks		
			Wed. 8				S1 - S2		
			Wed. 15				S3-S4		

Thurs. 16

Fri. 17

Tues. 28

Tues. 28

C1-C2

MI-M2

A1-A2

A3-A4

#1

#1

#2

. THE KIMBEL CHALLENGE PLAQUE

RULES GOVERNING CHALLENGES AND PLAY 1954 - 1955

- 1. Holders of the Kimbel Challenge Plaque must stand ready for challenge at the time designated in Curling Schedule.
- 2. All challenges stating the make-up of the Rink i.e., Skip, Vice-Skip, Number Two, Lead and Alternate, must be entered on the Kimbel Challenge Card, opposite the date on which they will be ready to play against the then Defending Rink.
- 3. Not more than TWO substitutes are permitted in any one Match. If only one substitute is used that substitute must play Lead. If two substitutes are used, they must play Lead and Number Two respectively.
- 4; Anyone taking part in the 1954-1955 competition as either Skip or Vice-Skip shall thereafter be limited to playing Number Two or Lead in the make-up of any Rink other than their original Rink.
- 5. Postponement of a Match is not permitted unless unfavorable ice conditions prevail.
- 6. In the event the Defending Rink does not appear on the scheduled date, the Match must be defaulted to the challenger - the challenger receives credit for a Match won.
- 7.: In the event the Challenging Rink does not appear on the scheduled date, the Defender receives credit for a Match won.
- 8. The Rink winning the greatest number of Matches will receive FOUR Kimball Medals. In the event of a tie between two or more Rinks, the Curling Committee shall decide the details of the 'Play-off.'
- 9. Each Match to consist of 10 Ends.

The Curling Committee.

OUT-OF-TOWN BONSPIELS

The following are out-of-town bonspiels to which the Ardsley Curling Club has been invited. In some instances, we are asked to send only one rink, but in most cases two rinks are invited.

Will you please mark those to which you would like to go, with numerals in order of your preference, returning one copy to B. R. Wood at Hudson House, Ardsley-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Detroit Bonspiel Detroit, Michigan January 6, 7, 8 & 9

Utica Bonspiel Utica, New York January 19, 20, 21 & 22

Chicago Curling Club Bonspiel February 2, 3, 4 & 5 Chicago, Illinois

Granite State & Patterson Nashua, New Hampshire February 3, 4, 5 & 6

Gordon-Emmet Medals Schenectady, New York February 18, 19 & 20

Stockton Cup Brookline, Massachusetts February 25, 26 & 27

Dykes Trophy Schenectady, New York March 5 & 6



Winchester Bonspiel Winchester, Massachusetts March 4, 5 & 6

Gordon International Montreal, Quebec March 10, 11 & 12



Elgin Trophy Montreal, Quebec March 24, 25 & 26

November 19, 1954. CB.

JUG OGDEN SCHEDULE - 1954-55

		9:45			12:15		2:45				8:00		
	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	
1-22 Sat.				S1 - S2		S3-A1	A2-A3	Cl-Ml	C2-M2				
Sat. 1-23 Sun.				S1 - S3		S2-A1	A3-C1	K	A2-C2			-10	
2-5 Sat.				52-C1		S1-A3	S3-M2	C2-M1	Al-A2				
2-10 Thurs												S2-S3	
2-13 Sun.			S1-M1			S2-A3	S3-C2		A2-M2				
2-20 Sun.			•	S2-C2		Sl-Al	S3-A2	K	A3-M2				
2-23 Wed.											C1-C2		
2-25 Fri			a								ML-M2		
	S1-C2	1000	S2-M2	S3-A3	Al-Ml	A2-C1	S1-M2	S2-M1	S3-C1				
2-27 Sun.	34.0			S1-C1		S2-A2	S3-M1	K -	A3-C2		*		
3-2				4						724201778144174	C2-A1		
3-3 Thurs. 3-4											Al-A3		
3-4 Fri.										C1-M2			
3-8 Tues.										A1-C1	A2-Sl	A3-MI	
3-10 Thurs											A1-M2		
3-11 Fri.					101000 53900					A2-ML			
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RULES FOR THE JUG OGDEN JUG

Round Robin Competition for Metropolitan Clubs

Matches to be ten ends.

Only those who neither skip nor play #3 regularly in their club competitions are eligible to skip and play #3 in this Competition.

Due to the tight time schedule for these matches, the following penalty must be enforced:

One stone and one end for each fifteen minutes, or fraction thereof, that a rink is late in appearing for a match.

No penalty for substitutions.

Regular skips and #3's when substituting must keep out of the house and refrain from advising the skip.

#2's shall record the score of the match in the rink book and record the win or loss on the score sheet in the club house.

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

October 1, 1954

ARDSLEY CURLERS, ATTENTION!!

4 Important Dates - Mark Them on Your Calendar Today!

Tuesday, October 19th

Special meeting of all active curlers for the '54-55 Season at President Graaskamp's home, 8:00 P.M. Please make every effort to attend. Membership Committee to report on their recommendation on number of active members and the method of selection and election of new members. Important!!

Monday, November 8th

Annual meeting of all members of the club. This meeting to be held at Ashley Thorndike's home at 8:00 P.M. Be sure to attend.

Tuesday, November 23rd

The curlers' "Opening" dinner to launch the '54-55 Season to be held at Ardsley Country Club with cocktails being served at 7:00 P.M. (Dinner at 8:00 P.M.)

New members will be introduced and the coming season "highlighted". This is a must!

Tuesday, November 30th

Curling starts -- need we say more?! Schedules and rinks will be forwarded to you following the annual meeting (about November 10th).

Mark down these dates right now so you'll be reminded to attend. No further notifications will be sent out except for the Annual Dinner (to get a nose count of those who will attend).

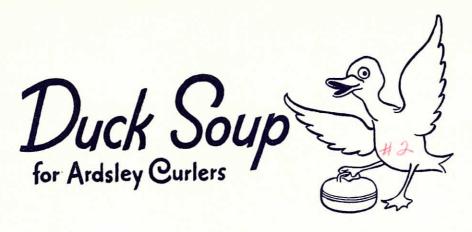
Remember -- Tuesday, October 19th (Grassy's home)

Monday, November 8th (Thorndike's home)

Tuesday, November 23rd (Annual Dinner at Ardsley Country Club)

Tuesday, November 30th (Start Curling)

Art Kemp Secretary (Phone: JU 6-3400 IR 9-2983)



October 25, 1954

1954-55 Curling Season

1. Membership Committee Reports on New Method of Taking in Members -

At a special meeting held at President Graaskamp's home on Tuesday, October 19th, Ashley Thorndike, Chairman of the Membership Committee, outlined to those present the Membership Committee's recommendation for accepting membership in the Ardsley Curling Club. The proposal was voted on paragraph by paragraph and a copy of the approved plan is enclosed herewith.

Those in attendance were:

Graaskamp	CvB	Shaw
Samuel	Robinson	Marshall
Ringland	Kimball	Sheets
Weston	L. Hockmeyer	Sothern
Stewart	V. Hockmeyer	Thayer
Thorndike	Hastings	Nash
		Kemp

Our thanks to President Graaskamp for the refreshments that came in cans.

2. Three New Members to Be Voted Upon at November 8th Meeting -

The Membership Committee reported 47 active curlers during the 1953-54 season and that 5 of these members had either asked to become associate members or had resigned.

Because the Curling Committee has requested that the membership for the 1954-55 season be 48 members, it will be necessary to elect 6 new members to fill out the quota.

Three former associate members have made a request to become active curlers and automatically will be reinstated to active membership, hence there is a necessity of electing 3 new members at the November 8th meeting at Mr. Thorndike's home.

So that we may round out our membership at the November 8th meeting, and at the same time build a backlog of prospective members should there become openings during the season, it is essential that all active members, who have names to present to the Membership Committee for consideration, send their nominating letter to Ashley Thorndike prior to November 1st. It is also essential that each nomination be accompanied by a seconder and preferably a letter from the man who seconds the nomination. (The new rules are being somewhat altered this year because of the shortness of time.)

This is important!! Send your nominating letter to Ashley Thorndike before November 1st.

3. Ward Van Alstyne to Be Associate Member, But Will Continue as Treasurer of the Club -

A letter from Ward Van Alstyne advised us that he will be unable to curl as an active member during the 1954-55 season but offering to carry on as Treasurer. His offer was unanimously approved by the membership. Sorry you won't be curling with us, Ward, but thanks for continuing on as our Treasurer.

4. Iceless Bonspiel at Lake Placid A Hugh Success --

A letter from Bob Warner tells us of the excellent bonspiel held over the weekend of October 10th. We quote herewith:

"Marge and Harold Sothern, Jo and myself went up to it and it was really the best organized of the Iceless Bonspiels held to date. The Lake Placid Club did a wonderful job in having various tournaments organized. The Braeburn Country Club, the newest member of the Grand National, won the Ardsley Bowl. The Snowbirds won the Quoit Tournament. They even had a bingo tournament Friday night and had prizes for everyone there. In other words — they had a weekend packed full of interesting activities for everyone. Between the Snowbirds and the Lake Placid Club it was difficult for anyone not to win a prize.

The Golf House was turned over entirely to the Curlers, for their activities, and cocktail parties and a very nice luncheon Saturday. After the banquet Saturday night they had one of the finest speakers I have ever heard - a Dr. Kilpatrick, who is head of the Theological Seminary of McGill University, who gave a little talk on curling. They also had an excellent moving picture on winter sports in Switzerland.

Around sixty attended the Bonspiel and it is a shame that there was not a better representation from around the New York area. It was certainly by far the best handled affair of its type that either Sothern or I had ever attended."

5. Nelson Kimball Appointed Chairman of November 23rd "Opening Dinner" Committee --

Tuesday, November 23rd, is the big evening for all Ardsley curlers. The place is the Ardsley Country Club -- the time 7:00 pm when cocktails will be served. (Dinner at 8:00 pm.)

Please advise Nelson Kimball immediately of your intention to attend this dinner. All associate, honorary and active members are invited and new members for the season will be introduced.

Curling schedules and rinks will be announced.

Members are requested to wear their curling coats.

6. Remember These Dates -

November 8th - Annual Business Meeting, Monday, 8:00 pm, Ashley Thorndike's Home

November 23rd - "Opening Dinner", Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Ardsley Country Club

November 30th - Curling Starts, Tuesday

It won't be long now!!

Art Kemp Secretary

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

At a meeting held at President Graaskamp's house on Tuesday evening, October 19th, the Membership Committee presented its suggestions for procedure with respect to new members and after thorough discussion, the following recommendations were approved by those present:

- 1. The Membership Committee shall consist of five active members, one of whom shall be designated Chairman, to be appointed by the President at the end of the Curling season.
- 2. This Committee is to interview all applications for new members during the inactive season so that these names can be presented at the Club's first meeting in the Fall, with the Committee's recommendations.
- 3. Application forms are to be prepared by the Committee and will include such questions as (a) previous curling experience, and (b) availability for regular weekly curling.
- 4. Each application form, to be filled out by the sponsor, must be accompanied by a letter from the sponsor and at least one seconding letter, all to be sent to the Chairman of the Membership Committee.
- 5. Associate Members desiring to become "active" members will be automatically reinstated, provided (a) that they do advise the Chairman of the Membership Committee before October 1st of each year, and (b) that there are sufficient vacancies. If, for example, there should be only two vacancies whereas three associates wish to be reinstated, then all three will be voted upon in the same manner as hereinafter provided for new members.
- 6. The first official meeting of the Club at which new members will be voted upon shall be held on the third Tuesday of October. Notice to be sent to active members on or before the 1st of October.
- 7. Notice of this meeting will contain a list of new applicants to be voted upon with their respective sponsors and seconders. In the event an active member cannot attend the meeting, he may mail in his absentee ballot to the Chairman of the Membership Committee or give his proxy in writing to some other active member.
- 8. Ballot forms shall be presented at the meeting listing all candidates interviewed and recommended by the Membership Committee. Each member will then indicate his preference by placing the highest number opposite his first choice, etc. For example, if there are five applicants, the member's first choice would receive number five, second choice number four, and so on. The ballots will then be tallied and totalized and the candidate receiving the highest numerical total will be the first admitted.

- 9. Members shall have the right to cross-out an applicant's name, indicating disapproval. If three or more such "blackballs" appear against the same name, that applicant will be dropped from further consideration during the current curling season.
- 10. All ballots will be secret and members are not required to sign their names except that absentee votes or those given in proxy to another member, will have to be signed by the active member involved in order to be bonafide.
- 11. If additional vacancies occur during the season, the Membership Committee will automatically advise the applicant next in line of his election, e.g., if eight applicants are voted on for only four vacancies at the Fall meeting and another vacancy occurs later on, the applicant fifth in line would be elected.
- 12. There will be no carry-over of applicants who may still be on the waiting list at the end of the season. Their names must be represented by sponsors and seconds, but consideration will be given to their having been on the list the previous year.
- 13. All applications, proposing and seconding letters must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Membership Committee on or before October 1st.
- 14. Sponsors should endeavor to have their applicants meet as many members of the Membership Committee and also of the general membership as possible. Sponsors should also make an effort to be present at the opening meeting in order to properly present their applicant's names etc.

Ashley Thorndike Chairman Membership Committee

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

November 9, 1954

Minutes of Annual Business Meeting

Ardsley Curling Club November 8, 1954

The annual Fall meeting was held in the home of Ashley Thorndike and presided over by Mr. Thorndike in the absence of President Graaskamp. The meeting was attended by the following members:

Koehl Sothern Ringland Warner Eddison Stevens Robinson Gray Thorndike H. McAfee May Lanigan Hastings Leighton Thayer Sutphen Lueck Kemp Sheets Stewart Kimball Reed Griggs

- 1. The minutes of the special meeting of October 19, 1954 were read and approved.
- 2. Duncan Sutphen was welcomed back to active membership.
- 3. Re: Scots' Visit to New York -- The following proposals by President Graaskamp were unanimously approved:
 - a) The expenses of the Scots are being covered by the American curlers. Each man curling against the Scots will be assessed \$10. Since the total collected from these fees will be insufficient, the overage will have to be made up from other sources. I propose that Ardsley agree to underwrite the Scots visit to an amount not to exceed \$200, and would appreciate your putting this proposal to a vote of the club.
 - b) Each Scottish curler will be given a Zippo lighter, to which a curling button has been attached. I have asked Ward Van Alstyne to send E. W. Fiske, Jr. six Ardsley pins for that purpose, and Ward should have official sanction on this donation.

- 4. Albert Shaw, General Chairman of the Scots' visit, reports that there will be 16 matches in all at St. Andrew's on February 6th and 7th and Ardsley curlers will participate in 5 of these. Four of the matches will be in direct competition with the Scots and 1 match will consist of 2 Ardsley men and 2 women of the Wicks.
 - 5. Mr. Thorndike called for nomination speeches from the proposers of the 10 applicants for membership in the Ardsley Curling Club. Following these talks, the list of 10 prospects were voted upon with the following results:

Kennedy Stevenson 231 Louis Riggio 187 182 Charles Colgan 180 John Jones Paul Conley 163 Robert Edens 159 Otto Rrochazka William Nolan 110 N. Bibby 97 85 Robert Morrissey

To fill out the membership at an even 48, the top 6 names were elected to active membership commencing with the 1954-55 season. The 4 remaining names will go on the waiting list and will be voted into active membership in order as the occasion arises.

Mr. Thorndike authorized the secretary to communicate with the above mentioned 6 new members, advising them of their election and inviting them to attend the "Opening Season" dinner on Tuesday, November 23rd.

- 6. Mr. Thorndike called for a report from the New Building Committee, which report was presented to the membership by Cuyler Stevens, the Chairman. His report is attached herewith.
- 7. Mr. Ralph Sheets called the membership's attention to a telephone service in Dobbs Ferry which would permit skips to fill out their rinks by calling this particular number. Details of Mr. Sheets' proposal will be contained in a copy of Duck Soup for the guidance of the general membership.

The meeting was adjourned, following which refreshments were served by our host, Mr. Ashley Thorndike.

Arthur J. Kemp

Secretary

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

I

Since no building suitable for curling is available in this locality, we are faced with the necessity of constructing completely new facilities if we desire our own rink.

II

The costs of a new curling rink with artificial ice will range from \$17,000 for an uncovered, outdoor 2-sheet rink exclusive of the cost for land, to \$150,000 for which we could probably duplicate the layout at The Country Club or Schenectady -- where they have four sheets of ice.

There is reason to believe that we can build a 2-sheet rink without plate glass for \$54,000 as follows:

Building including plumbing & lighting \$27,000
Ice machinery 17,000
Land and improvements 10,000
TOTAL

On the same basis we estimate that a 3-sheet rink could be constructed for approximately \$75,000.

III

Your committee feels that the number one problem is financing. Can the Ardsley Curling Club with 48 members raise the indicated initial capital?

IV

If we can construct the rink, our next problem is that of upkeep. If the entire amount is borrowed at 5% and paid back on a 20-year amortization, our annual cost would work out something as follows:

 Interest at 5%
 \$2700*

 Amortization
 2700

 Upkeep
 7000

 TOTAL
 \$12,400

*The average interest over the life of the mortgage will be \$1350, but we would still face \$2700 for the first year.

V

To produce this annual income we would have to have the equivalent of 120 curling members at \$100 per year dues. At our present membership the dues would have to be raised to approximately \$260 per year per member. At our current dues we would require approximately 200 members.



November 12, 1954

1954-55 Curling Season

1. Six New Active Members Elected! -

At the annual Fall meeting held November 8th at Ash Thorndike's home, the Ardsley Curling Club's full roster of 48 active members for the 1954-55 season was completed.

Associate member, Duncan Sutphen, was reinstated as an active member, while Randy Caine, Al Staley, Roy Zeigler and Ward Van Alstyne requested associate membership status. This left 6 active memberships to be filled.

The 6 new members elected are: Kennedy Stevenson, Jouis Riggio, Charles Colgan, John Jones, Paul Conley and Bob Edens. The entire membership joins your Duck Soup Editor in welcoming these new curling partners.

2. "Opening Season" Dinner, Tuesday, November 23rd --

Come one, come all, and help us launch the new season!

Meet the new members -- Renew old friendships -- Pick up your new schedules and rink lists.

Cocktails at 7:00 pm — Dinner at 8:00. Send in your reservation to Nelson Kimball immediately!

Please wear your curling coat.

3. Curling Starts Tuesday, November 30th -

Keep Tuesday, the 30th, and Thursday, December 2nd, open until you learn on which Blanton Rink you will be curling (to be announced at the curling dinner).

The Curling Committee this year has prepared a schedule showing all matches for the entire season, including local bonspiels. This advance planning should help skips and all curlers alike. Rinks for the second half of the year will be announced in January.

4. New "Central" Telephone Service to Assist Skips in Making Up Rinks --

We have made arrangements with the Dobbs Ferry Telephone Service to keep a record of the names of any curlers who telephone them and register their availability for curling on specific evenings. The skip who is in need of a substitute can, by calling this service, obtain a list of all substitutes available for that evening. The skip will then ask the telephone service to cross off the list the substitute he chooses from those listed as available, so that skips calling later will get only the remaining names.

This service is available by telephoning -- Dobbs Ferry 3-0111

Please post this number in both your home and office telephone number file for future reference.

Special Out-of-Town Bonspiels —

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The schedule of bonspiels of the Grand National Curling Association should be available shortly. In the meantime, Ardsley has received an invitation to 4 bonspiels that need our immediate attention. The Curling Committee must either accept or turn down these bids at once. Hence, it makes an urgent request that any member who wishes to attend, get in touch with Ralph Sheets (Phone - RE 2-1900) immediately.

Take your pick! These are the cream of the "invitationals"!

The Detroit Curling Club is holding a bonspiel January 6, 7, 8 and 9, with final date for entries December 15. We are invited to send one rink.

The Utica Curling Club bonspiel will be held January 20, 21, 22 and 23. Ardsley has been invited to send one rink. Entries for this bonspiel must be in by December 20.

The Chicago Curling Club starts with a dinner on Wednesday, February 2, with curling on the following Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We have been invited to send two rinks.

One of the major competitions of the year is the Quebec bonspiel, which is to be held this year from Sunday, January 30, through Saturday, February 5. Ardsley has been invited to send two rinks to this event. Entries for this event close about December 1.

6. Have Your Ordered Your New Curling Coat As Yet? -

Jack Gray says his offer of a \$65 navy-blue, all wool, Blazer Curling Coat for \$35 still holds.

Most members already have placed their orders. See Mr. Ciri at the Wallach's "Li5th Street" store for your measurements.

7. Scots to Curl Sunday and Monday, February 6th and 7th at St. Andrew's -

Albie Shaw reports that the Scot curlers arrive from Schnectady on Saturday, February 5th (a typical Scotch welcome is planned) and will be "on the ice" at 9:00 am, Sunday morning, for their first match.

Sixteen matches in all will be played — 5 of which will be against Ardsley curlers (schedules and rinks to be announced later).

Albie also announces a dinner and dance at the Ardsley Country Club on Saturday evening honoring the Scots.

At the last membership meeting, President Graaskamp proposed that each Scot be presented with a Zippo lighter on which an Ardsley emblem was attached. The proposal received a unanimous vote of approval.

See you all at the banquet.

Art Kemp Secretary



December 6, 1954

1. 1954-55 Curling Season Launched With Highly Successful Dinner --

Thirty-nine members gathered on Tuesday evening, November 23rd, for the "Opening Season" dinner and joined President Graaskamp in a toast to Ardsley curlers of the past and all curlers of the United States, Canada and Scotland.

Brief sketches of the donors of the cups for our four major competitions were presented by Messrs. Hastings, Fiske, Eddison and Graaskamp and six new members were welcomed to active membership.

Schedules and rinks for the 1954-55 season, prepared by the Curling Committee, together with a new club roster were distributed.

Mr. Sheets of the Curling Committee requested immediate answers to his "out-of-town" bonspiel questionnaire and Albie Shaw reported the highlights of the Scots' visit to America.

A rising vote of appreciation was extended to Linc Seibert of St. Andrew's for his fine cooperation in preparing the 1954-55 curling schedule.

2. Blanton Competition Kicks Off Curling Season --

Tuesday and Thursday saw Ardsley curlers meet in an initial competition with the following results:

Bill May's rink, including V. Hockmeyer, Nash and Bickford, defeated Sothern's rink (skipped by Koehl) including Stevens, Kimball and Riggio by a score of 12 - 6.

Sheets, with Fiske, Upjohn and Graaskamp, defeated Ringland with Thorndike, Griggs and Jones 13 - 7 with the help of a 5 end.

Stewart, with Hastings, Wall and Thayer, defeated Bill Wood (Kemp skipping), with Eddison, Gray and Stevenson by a score of 11 - 10 in 11 ends with Kemp's 5 end proving of no avail.

Robinson (with CvB skipping), with Wells, L. Hockmeyer and Edens, defeated Achilles, with Shaw, Sutphen and Colgan, 10 - 4.

Outstanding curlers of the first week were Al Koehl, Charlie Nash and Bob Edens.

The competition now breaks down into a round-robin between the "winners" and "losers" as shown by your Blanton schedule.

3. William Nolan Elected Active Member -

We are happy to announce the election of William Nolan as an active member who will take Bert Allen's place in the Blanton and Wilds competitions.

Bert has requested Associate status for this year but hopes to be back as an active curler in 1955.

Will you please add the following address and phone numbers to your active membership roster:

Mr, William Nolan
Cravath, Swaine & Moore
Dobbs Ferry
15 Broad Street
New York
Home Phone
Dobbs Ferry
3-5375
Rew York

4. St. Andrew's Rink Completely Renovated --

All in attendance on Tuesday and Thursday had high praise for the St. Andrew's Curling Committee for completely renovating the premises and for three of the keenest sheets of ice we yet had the pleasure of curling on so early in the season. New brooms also added to the enjoyment of our first night of curling.

5. Members Urged to Get In Their Checks for Dues and Ice Charges As Soon As Possible --

In order for Treasurer Van Alstyne to pay St. Andrew's the initial installment on ice rentals for the first half, members are urged to send in their checks prior to December 15th. Members also requiring Ardsley buttons should place their orders immediately so there will not be a "run on the bank" before some out-of-town bonspiel. Buttons this year will be charged for at the rate of \$1.25 each. You can either pay cash for the buttons or have the amount charged to your account, but in any event, please get in your order early to assist Mr. Van Alstyne in placing his orders with the producer.

6. Ardsley Rinks Win 5 and Lose 3 in First Week of Wilds Competitions --

Ardsley #1 (Eddison) beat Mahopac #1 (MacFarland) 12-11 in 11 ends and Caledonia #1 (Baker) 9-7.

Ardsley #2 (V. Hockmeyer) beat Ardsley #4 (Sutphen) 9-8 and Caledonia #2 (Newton) 8-6.

Ardsley #3 (Wells) beat Mahopac #1 (MacFarland) 15-6.

Mahopac #2 (Halstead) beat Ardsley #4 (Shaw) 9-6.

Caledonia #1 (Baker) beat Ardsley #3 (Stevens) 10-9.

7. Second Round of Blanton Competitions Starts December 7th --

Competition for the Blanton Gold Medal commences Tuesday, December 7th, and will be between May, Sheets, Stewart and Robinson, winners of the first round in the Blanton competition.

The Silver Media will be competed for by Sothern, Ringland, Bill Wood and Achilles, with Wood versus Achilles schedule for Tuesday, December 7th, and Sothern versus Ringland scheduled for Thursday, December 9th.

....and may all your stones be on the button!

Art Kemp Secretary

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

December 15, 1954

DUCK SOUP FOR ARDSLEY CURLERS (New Duck Soup Being Ordered)

1. Curling at St. Andrew's Progressing at Rapid Clip --

The Blanton competition has now gone into its third week and inclusing December 14th scores, here is the present standing:

Box Scores

(December 7th thru December 14th)

Blanton	"Gold"		Blanton "Silver"	
Rink #1 May	Win 2	Lose	Rink #5 Sothern 2 Lo	se 0
#2 Sheets	1	0	#6 Ringland 1	1
#3 Stewart	0	2	#8 Achilles 1	1
#4 Robinson	0	1	#7 Wood O	2

On December 7th Bill May (#1) with V. Hockmeyer, Nash and Marshall, defeated CvB (#4), with Wells, Samuels and Edens, 12-6.

Sheets (#2), with Fiske, H. McAfee, and Lanigan, defeated Stewart (#3), with Hastings, Upjohn and Jones, 12-8.

In the Silver competition Shaw (#8), with Sutphen, Reed and Colgan, defeated Kemp (#7), with R. McAfee, Stevenson & Kimball, 12-5.

The other Silver medal was curled on Thursday, December 9th, with Sothern (#5), with Stevens, Koehl and Leighton, defeating Ringland (#6), with Warner, Jones and Wall, 11-9.

On December 14th May (#1), with V. Hockmeyer, Nash and Nolan, defeated Stewart (#3), with Hastings, Lueck and Thayer, 12-1. (Bill finally got over his fear of "No. 8" ... by having 8 successive one-count ends.)

The Blanton Silver results on December 14th were:

Sothern (#5), with Koehl, Kimball and Riggio, defeated Wood (#7), with Gray, Kemp and Stevenson, 10-7.

In the other match, Ringland (#6), with Thorndike, Warner and Griggs, defeated Shaw (#8), with Sutphen, Weston and Sheets, 10-6.

The remaining Blanton Gold match will be played on December 16th between Sheets and Robinson.

The Wilds competition has now passed through its second week with the following box score results:

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A-2				W		W			L		W	
A-3					L		W				L	W
A-4			L L	-	, T			L				L
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M-2	L	76 		W	L	W		-				
S-1	W	W .							7		W	L
S-2		L			W						L	L
S-3			W						L	W		
S-4			L	W					W	W		

Some of the highlights of the Wilds matches during the second week of competition are:

St. Andrew's #4 (Seibert) defeated Ardsley #4 (Thorndike) 10-8.

Ardsley #2 (Fiske) defeated St. Andrew's #2 (Locke) 10-8.

St. Andrew's #1 (Carl) defeated Ardsley #1 (Hastings) 8-6.

St. Andrew's #3 (McCullough) defeated Ardsley #3 (Wells) 10-6.

On Sunday, Ardsley #1 (Hastings) defeated Mahopac #2 (Halstead) 8-7 in 11 ends.

St. Andrew's #1 (Carl) defeated Ardsley #2 (V. Hockmeyer) 12-7.

Ardsley #3 (Stevens) defeated St. Andrew's #4 (Seibert) 10-5.

Caledonia #1 (Blanchard) defeated Ardsley #4 (Thorndike) 13-8.

In the Kimble match on Friday, December 10th, V. Hockmeyer, May, Upjohn and Graaskamp, beat Rustin, Degan, Moore and Robertson, 11-4.

2. Out of Town Bonspiels --

The Friendly Games at Seigniory on December 3rd, 4th and 5th saw an Ardsley rink, comprised of Hastings (skip), Fiske (#3), Weston (#2) and Grasskamp (lead) beat Royal Montreal with W. Burpee (skip), 17-5.

The next day, however, they lost to the Toronto Granites with S. B. Playfair (skip), 12-11. (The last end was a 5 with Hastings missing a tie by inches.)

On the last day of the Bonspiel our stalwarts from Ardsley lost again to the Toronto Granites with Ed Pooler (skip), 18-9.

The games were won by Utica with Art Gleason skipping.

Russ Weston participated in the Samia Bonspiel over the weekend of December 10th and 11th and reports a quality of curling second to none in the entire Dominion. It will be remembered that a rink from Sarnia gave one of the Ardsley rinks, which attended the Chicago Bonspiel, quite a lesson in curling last year.

3. Membership Committee Looking for Names for New Members --

Since our last election of new members only one name now remains in the "pool" from which we draw members as vacancies occur. Ash Thorndike has asked that all members consider names of prospective members which can be passed along to the Membership Committee for investigation, as it will be necessary very shortly to hold another election. Names of propects should be sent directly to Ash Thorndike as soon as possible.

4. Rinks for Out-of-Town Bonspiels Now Being Prepared --

The Curling Committee urges all members who have not yet sent in the preference questionnaire, to do so immediately, as rinks are now being made up and unless your name is in the hands of the Curling Committee immediately, you may miss out on any out-of-town bonspiel. If you have failed to send in your questionnaire, it might help to phone Bill Wood your preference to speed things up.

5. Ken Watson On the Subject of Curling -

When Russ Weston was in Sarnia, he clipped from the local newspaper a very interesting article entitled "The Skip's Lament". Because of the length of the article, we are serializing it in the next three issues of Duck Soup. Here is Part I:

"Joe Doaks was a skip. At least it said so on the bulletin board in the club room. His rink consisted of lead Ossie Green, who at the beginning of the season thought an in-turn was a young doctor. Gus Boom played second stone and Gus's weakness was an inside fast shot that usually was inside. Lefty Short completed the foursome as vice-skip, and Lefty, as his name implied, gyrated from the port side of the hack to further confuse his skip, then to complete Doaks' nervousness, he usually succeeded in guarding his opponent's shots.

The first game of the season for Skipper Doaks turned out to be a never-ending nightmare. In spite of patient instructions and frantic signals, lead Green managed to locate the rings only once. However, he did throw the correct turn half the time and was responsible on two occasions for perfect raises into the house, but they were his opponent's stones. The problem of removing an enemy counter never was fathomed by Green in that game, but he caused undue excitement during the seventh end when, in trying to sweep one of Boom's fast shots, he tripped on his own frantic broom and sprawled headlong into the house where his momentum removed the three rocks that Boom was trying to vacate from the premises." (to be continued)

6. A Word of Caution --

Because of the congestion over Christmas, the Wilds competitions for all four Ardsley rinks will be held on Tuesday, December 28th, instead of Saturday or Sunday. Skips please take note!

....and may all your lead stones be in front of the house!

Art Kemp Secretary



December 29, 1954

1. May Wins Blanton "Gold" - Achilles Wins "Silver" -

The 1954-55 Blanton Competitions ended in a rash of ties with the exception of Bill May's clean sweep in the "Gold". Here's the final tabulation:

Blan	iton "Go	ld"	Blan	ton "Si	lver"
	Game Score	Points Difference		Game Score	Points Difference
May	3-0	£ 20	Achilles	2-1	<i>4</i> 8
Sheets	1-2	0	Sothern	2-1	- 1
Stewart	1-2	- 10	Wood	1-2	- 3
Robinson	1-2	- 11	Ringland	1-2	- 4

2. Wilds Competition Nearing End -- McCullough's St. Andrew's #3 Looks Like Winner --

With but three rounds of matches left to be played, McCullough with a 7-1 score appears in best position. Ardsley #1, Ardsley #2, Caledonia #1 and St. Andrew's #4 challenge with a 5-3 total. Here's the box score on December 29th:

	A-1	A-2	A-3	A-4	C-1	C-2	M-1	M-2	S-1	S-2	S-3	S-4	W-L
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A-2	L		M	W	W	W		L	L	W			5-3
A-3		L		W	L		W		W	L	L	W	4-4
A-4	L	L	L		L		W	L	L			L	1-7
C-1	L	L	W	M		W		W		W		L	5-3
C-2	W	L			L	/	L	L		L	L	L	1-7
M-1	L		L	L		M		W		L	L	W	3-5
M-2	L	W		W	L	W	L		W		L		4-4
S-1	W	W	L	W				L	-		W	L	4-3
S-2		L	W		L	W	W				L	L	3-4
S-3	W		W			W	W	W	L	W		W	7-1
S-4	!	j	L	W	W	M	L		W	W	L	-	5-3

3. Willie Cuthbertson Passed on Sunday Night, December 26th -

It was sad news when we learned that venerable Willie Cuthbertson passed away on Sunday evening, December 26th. President Graaskamp sent flowers in behalf of the Ardsley Curling Club with the following card — "In tribute to a gallant sportsman".

Many of his Ardsley friends attended the funeral on Tuesday evening, December 28th. The following letter was addressed to Frank Baker, President of the Caledonians, by President Graaskamp:

"On behalf of all the members of the Ardsley Curling Club, may I express my sympathy to the New York Caledonians on the death of Willie Cuthbertson.

All of us who were privileged to know him are his debtors for all time to come, for he was a gentleman and a sportsman, to whom competition was as natural as breathing, and the roaring game was friendship, and courtesy, and skill — but, above all, good fellowship!

May his good example be a guide for all of us."

4. Curling Committee Urgently Requests Answer to Out-of-Town Bonspiel Questionnaire --

If you wish to attend any out-of-town bonspiel, even though your schedule is tentative, please advise Bill Wood of the Curling Committee at your earliest convenience (by phone if possible) your first, second and third choice.

To facilitate the handling of the Utica Bonspiel (January 21, 22 and 23) and the Schnectady Bonspiel (February 18, 19 and 20), the Curling Committee has asked all interested parties to phone Art Kemp if you want to go to Utica and Ad Hastings if you would like to go to Schnectady. Both of these rinks require but one additional member, so first come, first served.

5. Curling Committee Suggests that #3 on Winning Rink Put Up Scores After Each End --

It is a custom in Canada for #3 on the rink winning the end to post the score, thus eliminating all confusion.

It has been suggested that we follow this same procedure. Thus, in the future it will be the responsibility of #3 to count the stones in the house and see that the correct score is posted on the score board following each end.

It is still the custom of #2 of the winning rink to post the final score in the score book following each match.

6. St. Andrews Requests Suggestions From Ardsley Curlers on Improving Curling Facilities at St. Andrews --

The following letter from President Graaskamp outlining St. Andrews' intention of improving curling is indeed most gratifying. It is also requested that Ardsley members who attend out-of-town bonspiels bring back any good suggestions that might be helpful in improving curling. Members please take note!

"Linc Seibert is proposing to the St. Andrews Curling Committee that they give consideration to improvements in the rink before the 1955-1956 curling season. How much can be done will depend on the profit realized on the 1954-1955 season.

His suggestions are:

- 1. The installation of a defogging machine.
- 2. Improvements of the toilets in the rink.
- An ice-cutting machine to shave down the rinks after heaving.
- 4. The purchase of matched stones.

He also asks that any Westchester Curling members who attend bonspiels anywhere in the Midwest, Canada, or at Grand National Clubs, who might pick up ideas which would improve curling at St. Andrews, make such ideas known to him through the medium of the curling chairmen of the individual clubs."

7. Windeler Competition Commences Tuesday Evening, January 4th --

The annual competition to establish the club championship commences Tuesday, January 4th, with May opposing Eddison on Sheet #1, V. Hockmeyer opposing Stevens on Sheet #2 and Hastings opposing Wells on Sheet #3. On Thursday evening Thorndike opposes Weston on Sheet #2,

Complete rink listing and schedule for the Windeler is enclosed with this issue of Duck Soup.

8. Jug Ogden Competition For Junior Skips Commences January 22nd --

This is the third year of the annual Jug Ogden competition of junior skips. It is a competition for all district members. The three rinks selected by the Curling Committee are as follows:

All other members of the Club may be substitutes for either Lead or: #2 positions only.

The complete Jug Ogden schedule for the 1954-55 season with rules of play is attached to this issue of Duck Soup.

9. Curling Committee Selects Two Powerful Rinks for the Douglas Competition on January 14, 15 and 16 --

The Curling Committee, in an endeavor to put on the ice two of the strongest possible rinks to compete for the Douglas and Griffin medals, have selected the following rinks to represent the Club in the annual St. Andrews competition:

Ardsley #1
Eddison (skip)
V. Hockmeyer
Stevens

May

Ardsley #2

Wells (skip) Thorndike Sheets Sothern

10. Episode #2 of "Ken Watson On the Subject of Curling" --

This is a continuation of the serial mentioned in the last issue of Duck Soup. It is a reprint of an article which appeared in the Sarnia newspaper brought to us by Russ Weston.

"Gus Boom didn't have too much to say when he arrived home that night. He had succeeded in hitting nothing but the back bumper on most of his fast shots, but he did have the consolation of ricocheting off a particularly with Lefty's short draws formidably barring access to the hallowed four-foot circle, he was always able to suggest shrewd ways and means by which Doaks, with a triple raise through a port, could negotiate the single point that separated them from an end loaded with disaster.

Eventually Dame Fortune smiled on Doaks and his valiant crew. On the tenth end the Skipper executed a simple outside wick and raise, to push Green's only house-born granite into the two-foot circle to count one, thus reducing the rout to a more respectable sixteen to one score." (to be continued)

...and may the New Year bring your realization to curl on a rink that makes an eight end!

Art Kemp Secretary