

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



January 12, 1954
1955

1. Wilds Competition Ends Up in Two-way Tie --

Thanks to the incredible curling of Russ Weston's #3 and Bill May's #1 rinks, who both defeated McCullough's St. Andrew's #3 rink in its last two games, the Wilds competition has ended up in a two-way tie between McCullough's St. Andrew's #3 and Linc Seibert's St. Andrew's #4, each winning 8 games and losing 3.

The four Ardsley rinks ended up as follows:

	<u>Win</u>	<u>Lose</u>
Ardsley #1	6	5
Ardsley #2	6	5
Ardsley #3	6	5
Ardsley #4	3	8

Probably one of the most exciting matches was between V. Hockmeyer and Stevens which ended up with Hockmeyer defeating Stevens by one rock in 12 ends after Stevens led 9-0 at the end of 4 ends. Hockmeyer made a sensational shot through a port to remove Stevens' lying stone to win.

2. Wells' Rink Defeats V. Hockmeyer in Friday Night Kimbel Match --

Wells, with Fiske, Hastings and Kemp, defeated V. Hockmeyer, with May, Nash and Graaskamp, in the Kimbel competition on Friday, January 7th, by the score of 16-5. Fiske, playing opposite Bill May in #3 position, did not miss a shot all evening.

3. Douglas Bonspiel At St. Andrew's, January 13, 14, 15 and 16, Draws Strong Rinks From Grand National and Canada --

This weekend will see some grand curling at St. Andrew's with Ardsley sending 3 strong rinks into the competition.

<u>Ardsley #1</u>	<u>Ardsley #2</u>	<u>Ardsley #3</u>
Eddison (skip)	Sheets	Graaskamp
V. Hockmeyer	Sothorn	Hastings (skip)
May	Thorndike	Stewart
Stevens	Wells (skip)	Upjohn

All Ardsley curling members are invited to the Bonspiel banquet at 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening, January 14th. However, it is requested that all men planning to attend telephone the manager at the St. Andrew's Country Club, advising him of their intentions to attend. It is suggested that all members planning to attend come to St. Andrew's before 8:00 p.m. to get into the proper mood.

4. Guests Invited to View Curling During Douglas Competition --

If you have a wife, sister, brother, sweetheart, secretary, relative, friend or what have you, to whom you would like to explain the intricacies of curling, invite them to visit St. Andrew's on Saturday or Sunday to see the game as it should be played. The competition will be keen and the rinks of highest caliber.

5. Ardsley to Send Rink to Utica Bonspiel, January 20, 21, 22 and 23 --

A rink consisting of Mait Griggs, Hugh Leighton, Art Kemp and Carl von Bernuth will represent Ardsley at the famous Utica Bonspiel next weekend. The rink ~~was~~ deeply impressed with the graciousness of Hugh Leighton, who is driving the group to Utica, for his generosity in buying a brand new Cadillac Eldorado in which to drive them. Nice fellow this Leighton and for this we might even make him skip.

6. Jug Ogden Competition Gets Under Way on Saturday, January 22 --

The launching of this Ardsley competition for junior skips gets under way at 12:15 p.m. with St. Andrew's #3 versus Ardsley #1 and Ardsley #2 playing Ardsley #3 at 2:45 p.m. This is a competition that over the past two years has been one of the most enjoyable of the entire year's curling activities and every good wish goes to our Ardsley juniors to bring back the Jug Ogden medal to Ardsley (it having been won last year by St. Andrew's).

7. Caledonia Centennial Bonspiel To Be Played on St. Andrew's Ice, January 28, 29 and 30 --

To celebrate 100 years of curling in the New York Area, the New York Caledonia Curling Club is staging a special Centennial Bonspiel which should rank as one of the most exciting and interesting of the entire year. Our own Ad Hastings (also a member of Caledonia) has seen to it that invitations have gone to key Canadian rinks and many lively matches should result from his foresight.

Ardsley will enter two rinks in this competition. Alphabetically they are as follows:

<u>Ardsley #1</u>	<u>Ardsley #2</u>
Fiske	Eddison (skip)
Hastings (skip)	Kemp
Shaw	Nash
Weston	Sutphen

8. Scottish Curlers Met At Airport on January 8th by Fiske and Shaw --

The Scottish curlers arrived safely in America early Saturday morning, January 8th, and were met by Albie Shaw, Chairman, and Ed Fiske. They left Sunday afternoon for Chicago where curling started January 9th. The Scots arrive back in New York at 5:45 p.m., Saturday, February 5th where they will be taken to homes of district curlers to spend Saturday and Sunday nights.

A dinner-dance at 8:00 p.m., Saturday evening, at the Ardsley Country Club will be attended by over 200 guests.

Curling starts at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, at St. Andrew's, followed by a buffet luncheon, and again at 3:00 p.m. where competition will be afforded by Ardsley, Mahopac, Caledonia and St. Andrew's Curling Clubs and the Westchester Wicks (ladies). The evening will be spent in individual homes to give our Scottish friends an evening of rest.

On Monday, February 7th, curling commences at 9:30 a.m. with another series of matches at 3:30 p.m. with participants being drawn from Ardsley, Farmington, Mahopac, New York Caledonia and St. Andrew's Curling Clubs. Dinner that evening will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Yale Club. The Scots leave at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday for Boston.

9. North American Curling News (Official Publication of the Mid-West Curling Association) Issues Special Welcome to Scottish Curlers in January 1st Issue --

Anyone interested in reading the complete story of the Scot's visit to America with schedules and highlight stories may do so by phoning your Secretary and I will send a copy of the North American Curling News containing the full information. The Secretary of your Club has subscribed to this publication for use by members, so should you want your name added to the list to receive it, please advise.

10. Windeler Competition Commences --

First round matches of the Windeler (club championship) saw May, with Fiske, Nash and Marshall, defeat Wood (substituting for Eddison), with Stevenson, Thorndike and Achilles, 13-6. Wells, with CvB, L. Hockmeyer

and Samuel, defeated Hastings, with Wall, Lueck and Thayer, 9-8. V. Hockmeyer, with Sheets, Graaskamp and H. McAfee, defeated Stevens, with Sothern, Loehl and Leighton, 11-12. Weston, with Sutphen, Achilles and Colgan, defeated Thorndike, with Warner, Ringland and Jones, 12-6.

In the second round competition Eddison, with Kemp, Gray and Stevenson, defeated Hastings, with Stewart, Thayer and CvB, 11-12. Stevens, with Sothern, Leighton and Riggio, defeated May, with Nash, Marshall and Bickford, 8-6. Weston, with Sutphen, Reed and Colgan, defeated V. Hockmeyer, with Sheets, Upjohn and Graaskamp, 12-6.

Windeler Scores
(as of 1/11/55)

	<u>Win</u>	<u>Lose</u>
Weston #8	2	0
Wells #4	1	0
Eddison #7	1	1
May #1	1	1
Stevens #5	1	1
V. Hockmeyer #2	1	1
Thorndike #6	0	1
Hastings #3	0	2

11. Episode #3 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.

"Needless to say, when the game dragged to its dismal conclusion, Doaks' inner feeling was not one of elation. On leaving the ice he did not pause for his usual banter with his clubmates, but slipped as inconspicuously as possible into the locker room, hurriedly changed clothes, then wended his way home. Mrs. Doaks, after anxiously scanning her husband's face, saw the story written all over it, then resigned herself to the post-mortem as another intramp stone and knocking Doaks' feet from under him on one valiant attempt.

On the other hand, Lefty Short was a source of inspiration to his skip. On many ends when the odds appeared insurmountable, evitable part of her life.

In curling today, Doaks' dilemma is repeatedly enacted in every

club in the country. But the story will change with Doaks and his men as the season progresses. Green will flower into a better than average lead, Boom's cannonades will diminish in velocity and Short's cautiousness will gradually disappear as he gets the feel of the ice. Slowly but surely the team will begin to function as a unit, and skip Doaks' unending patience and encouragement will be rewarded by an occasional red star opposite his name on the games' chart. The End
(Some of this doesn't make sense but it's exactly the way it was printed.)

...and may your #2 man always be on the broom.

Art Kemp
Secretary

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January 19, 1955

1. Annual Mid-Season Dinner Scheduled for Wednesday, January 26th

All Ardsley curlers, including associate and honorary members, are invited to the Annual Mid-Season Curling Dinner to be held at the Ardsley Country Club, Wednesday evening, January 26th, with cocktails being served at 7:00 p.m. Mait Griggs has accepted the Chairmanship for this dinner and requests all members, who have not already done so, to either phone or write him confirming their intention of attending the dinner so that the proper number of reservations can be made.

President Graaskamp reports that Bill Kimbel hopes to be in town on this night (unless illness prevents) and would like to say "hello" to his many curling friends, both old and new.

(Phone Mait Griggs right now -- before you forget -- at Irvington 9-1520.)

2. Douglas and Griffith Competitions Won By the Country Club #1 and Schenectady #1

Those who witnessed the closing minutes of the finals of the Douglas and Griffith competitions were rewarded with some of the most exciting curling yet seen on St. Andrew's ice. Both matches went down to the final rock in the 14th with the losing skips making misplays that gave the title to their opponents.

In the Douglas, Holmgren needed only to hit one off four stones in the center of the house to at least tie, but pushed his shot so that it almost hit the boards. This gave the Country Club a four end which overcame Schenectady #2's three point lead as they entered the 14th end. Final score:

W. Donald Swan (skip) The Country Club #1 - 12

Ralph Holmgren (skip) Schenectady #2 - 11

In the Griffith competition, Means, skip of the Schenectady #1 rink, missed a guard and set his stone down as a perfect May West on the button lying two. However, the Thistles had four stones in the house with the exception of Schenectady's two lying stones on the button, but Tarlton of the Hamilton Thistles was way-wide and the match ended up 17-13 in favor of Schenectady #1.

Ad Hastings, with his Ardsley #3 rink, lost out in the quarter finals by one rock to Holmgren and this rock had to be measured by the referee. It was a tough match to lose for so gallant a rink as Upjohn, Stewart, Hastings and Graaskamp.

Our other two Ardsley rinks had less good fortune but enjoyed very close matches with the exception that the Toronto Granites exhibited great skill in their second match in eliminating Dick Wells.

For those who would like to read a complete report on the Bonspiel, the New York Times, on Monday, January 17th, carried a 5-column picture story.

3. Correction From Last Issue of Duck Soup --

It was incorrectly reported that Dick Wells' Wilds rink ended up the season 6-5. This should have read 7-4 which puts Wells' rink only one loss behind McCullough and Seibert who tied for first.

4. Curling Committee Selects Rinks for More Out-of-Town Bonspiels --

Bill Wood and his Curling Committee this week announced the following rinks to represent Ardsley in special and out-of-town bonspiels:

Scots - February 6 and 7 - St. Andrew's

Ardsley #1 - Ice #1

V. Hockmeyer (skip)
Wells
Sothorn
Koehl

Ardsley #2 - Ice #1

Weston (skip)
Stevens
Sheets
Wood

Ardsley #3 - Ice #2

Eddison (skip)
Hastings
Graaskamp
Nash

Ardsley #4 - Ice #1

Thorndike (skip)
Sutphen
May
CvB

Ardsley #1 curls 9:30 a.m., Sunday. Rink #2 curls at 3:00 p.m., Sunday. Ardsley #3 curls 9:30 a.m., Monday and #4 at 12:15 p.m., Monday.

In the event that any of the above mentioned curlers will be unable to curl as listed, will you please advise your skip immediately who will make all substitutions. (Do not call the Curling Committee.)

We wish to call the attention of all Ardsley curlers to the Scots Stag Banquet at the Yale Club at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evening, February 7th. All those who wish to attend should advise Albie Shaw, Scots chairman, of their intention so that reservations can be made.

Gordon Trophy - February 18, 19 and 20 - Schenectady

<u>Ardsley #1</u>	<u>Ardsley #2</u>
Hastings (skip)	May
Lueck	Ringland
Sheets	Stevens (skip)
Wells	Weston

Dykes Medal - March 5 and 6 - Schenectady

<u>Ardsley #1</u>	<u>Ardsley #2</u>
Griggs	Edens
Kimball	L. Hockmeyer
Leighton	Kemp
Nash (skip)	Ringland (skip)

Good luck, fellows. May you bring home the medals along with fond memories of a well-spent weekend.

5. Caledonia Centennial Bonspiel Set for January 28, 29 and 30 --

Paced by five top ranking Canadian rinks, the Caledonia Centennial Bonspiel gets underway Friday morning, January 28th. Ardsley has entered two rinks in this competition, one to be skipped by Ad Hastings and the other by Bart Eddison.

Ardsley #1, with Hastings (skip), Fiske, Shaw and Weston, curl against the Royal Montreal rink at 9:00 a.m., Friday. Ardsley #2, with Eddison (skip, Sutphen, Nash and Kemp, go on the ice at 11:45 a.m. against Mahopac.

The Caledonia dinner will be held at the St. Andrew's Golf Club on Friday night with cocktails being served at 7:00 p.m.

6. New Curlers Get Plenty of Action During First Half of Season --

It was nice to see so many of our new curlers in the Blanton, Wilds and Windeler competitions. Charlie Colgan, Bob Edens, John Jones, Louie Riggio, Ken Stevenson, Nelson Kimball and Bill Nolan will soon have earned their strips as "#1 boys" and according to reports, several will soon be showing up in #2 spots on winning rinks. Too bad Paul Conley has been forced by business circumstances not to have been able to curl as often as he would like to. Also we are sorry that Marshall Wood, Guy Robinson, Bert Allen and John Lanigan have not been able to curl regularly.

The season is only half over, so better luck during the next few months.

We missed Albie Shaw's smiling face of late but as most of us know,

he is off with the Scottish curlers. However, after February 7th we are sure Albie will be back with us on the ice.

It is nice to have Dunc Sutphen and Mait Griggs back curling with us after years on the retirement list. Also we would be remiss in not complimenting Bill May on some very fine curling this year. We believe it is the third year in a row that Bill has won the Blanton Gold Medal (Curling Committee take note).

The unsung heroes of our curling club this year are Bill Wood and his Curling Committee who have spent many evenings making out schedules and trying to make the curling season more pleasant for everyone. In closing this issue of Duck Soup, may we again thank President Graaskamp for his splendid leadership and delightful letters, many of which we have seen fit to print verbatim in Duck Soup.

....See you at the Mid-Season Dinner.

Art Kemp
Secretary

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February 2, 1955

1. February 5th Weekend Triggers Big Celebration for Scots --

Saturday, February 5th, at 5:45 p.m., the 20 Scots will be met at Harmon by their hosts for their stay in Westchester.

Cocktail parties will be given by their hosts shortly after arrival. (Hosts and guests are listed herewith.) Messrs. Hockmeyer, Sothern and Koehl will give a cocktail party for the Larry Davises and the Jim Robertsons and their Scottish guests. Albie Shaw will give a cocktail party for the Ford Fricks and their Scottish guests. Everyone going to the Dinner-Dance will be invited to one of the cocktail parties, but get your name in quick, particularly since arrangements must be made with the Ardsley Country Club.

There will be matches between the Scots and various clubs in this area from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 6th, and Monday, February 7th. Of particular interest is a game between the Westchester Wicks and the Scots at 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Visitors are welcome at all matches.

The Scots will be taken into New York Monday afternoon in time for the stag dinner at the Yale Club that evening at 7:00 p.m. The Scots will stay at the Commodore Hotel Monday and Tuesday nights.

Wednesday afternoon they will leave by train for four days in Boston and then return to Scotland.

Arrangements have been made to take the Scots to the Music Hall on Tuesday night and participate in a television broadcast afterwards.

Note: All Ardsley curlers please wear your curling club jackets to the Dinner-Dance and Yale Club Banquet.

"Begone, Dull Care, I prithee begone from me"

2. Scot Curlers Will Stay in Private Homes --

Here's the list:

Homes - February 5th and 6th

<u>Scots</u>	<u>Hosts</u>	<u>Hosts Addresses</u>
G. McClung (Gilbert) D. Clark (Donald)	J. MacFarlane	512 Warburton Ave. Yonkers Yonkers 5-4570
J. Watson (John) W. G. Piper (Bill)	E. W. Fiske, Jr.	Sheldon Avenue Tarrytown, N. Y. Tarrytown 4-1311
W. D. Wilson (Willie) C. W. Calder (Charlie)	L. W. Graaskamp	Washington Street Irvington, N. Y. Irvington 9-1525
J. K. T. Glen (Jimmy) J. Hamilton (Jimmy)	A. B. Hastings	Lewis Road Irvington, N. Y. Irvington 9-1555
A. J. Thomson (Spud) W. Robertson (Bill)	Ford C. Frick (Party at Albie Shaw)	16 Edgewood Lane Bronxville, N. Y. Deerfield 7-1446
C. L. Carnegie (Charlie) R. T. Greierson (Bob)	L. B. Davis (Party at V. Hock- meyer)	Horseguard Lane Scarsdale, New York Scarsdale 3-0831
J. Aitken (Jimmy) D. S. Davies (Doug)	J. L. Robertson III (Party at V. Hock- meyer)	Winding Road Farm Chauncey, N. Y. Dobbs Ferry 3-3613
K. J. M. Henry (Ken) W. S. Henderson (Bill)	C. R. Nash	Ardsley-on-Hudson New York Irvington 9-1317
H. Neilson (Hugh) T. Young (Tom)	Frank S. Baker	20 N. W. Terrace Yonkers, N. Y. Yonkers 9-6663
J. S. Graham (Steve) Dr. J. W. Dalglish (John)	A. C. Bickford	Ardsley-on-Hudson New York Irvington 9-1378

February 7th and 8th at Commodore Hotel, 42nd Street and Lexington
Avenue, Murray Hill 6-6000

"Be up, mon; be up!"

3. Annual Mid-Season Dinner Huge Success --

Those attending were:

Graaskamp	H. McAfee	Shaw
Van Alstyne	Thayer	Reed
Thorndike	Wood	Sothorn
Upjohn	Eddison	Conley
Sheets	Ringland	R. McAfee
Koehl	Wall	Hastings
Ziegler	Bickford	Fiske
Weston	M. Wood	CvB
Lueck	Riggio	Nash
Kimball	May	Kemp
Jones	V. Hockmeyer	

President Graaskamp acted as Toastmaster. Before dinner we bowed our heads for a moment of prayer in memory of Willie Cuthbertson.

Eddie Fiske then told of the Scots' tour and explained the functioning of the Dinner-Dance and cocktail parties to be hosted by Ardsley members.

President Graaskamp appointed a special committee, consisting of Albie Shaw (Chairman), Bill May, Joe Ringland and Al Koehl, to nominate officers for next year. The report of this committee will be made at the season's closing dinner.

Ash Thorndike reported on membership, asking all members to give him the names of prospective members for next year. He reported seven new members were taken in this year and that the name of only Mr. Bibby still remains on the original list.

A question was asked as to the size of emblem that should be worn on the Ardsley coat. It was voted that we stay with the present $2\frac{1}{2}$ " circle emblem.

Mr. Hastings reported on the Caledonia Centennial Bonspiel. He mentioned that there would be 6 Canadian rinks in town and that Ardsley was entering 2 rinks - one skipped by himself and one by Bart Eddison.

Blanton Medals were presented by Bill Wood, Chairman of the Curling Committee. Gold Medals went to May (skip), Nolan, Bickford, V. Hockmeyer, Marshall and Nash. Silver Medals went to Achilles (skip), Colgan, Reed, Shaw, Sutphen and Weston.

A standing vote of appreciation was given to the Curling Committee for a job well done. The Committee consists of B. R. Wood (Chairman), Hastings, CvB, Sheets and Shaw.

"Your cricket, your boolin', your gowfin', are tame,
the King o' a' sports is the grand roarin' game."

4. Rinks for Future Bonspiels --

Rinks selected for future bonspiels are as follows:

Chicago - February 3, 4, 5 and 6

Lueck
Marshall
Sheets
Stevens (skip)

Stockton - February 25, 26 and 27 - Brookline, Mass.

Ardsley #1

V. Hockmeyer
Sothorn
Warner
Weston (skip)

Ardsley #2

Hastings (skip)
Thorndike
Wells
Wood

Districts - February 12 and 13

Ardsley #1

Hastings (skip)
Fiske
Sheets
Wells

Ardsley #2

V. Hockmeyer
Shaw
Thorndike
Weston (skip)

Scots - February 6 and 7 - St. Andrew's

Correction: Upjohn in place of Wood on Ardsley #2

"Soop, lads, soop!"

5. Utica Bonspiel Develops New Skip to Reckon With --

Carl von Bernuth (Old Faithful) lived up to his name by taking an eager, but not too experienced, rink to Utica last week and promptly drubbed the favorite Shawinigan Falls and Montreal Heather rinks in the Mitchell Competitions. Only a disputed play on the last stone of the 7th end, which gave Utica 3 instead of giving Carl the 2 that he laid, beat him. Carl went into the 10th end behind 9-6 but couldn't pull out the victory.

The rink consisted of CvB (skip), Kemp (#3), Leighton (#2), and Griggs (#1).

"The King o' a' the core"

6. Caledonia "Centennial" Won by Montreal Thistles. St. Andrew's #1 Wins Consolation --

Dick Walsh's Montreal Thistles, after polishing off the best the Americans had to offer, including Ad Hastings' Ardsley #1, leveled a barage of stones at Jock McFarlane and his Mahopac rink, beating him 19-5.

Hastings had won his first match handily from the Royal Montreal rink but struck real trouble against Walsh on Saturday evening.

Bart Eddison's rink lost its first match to Jock McFarlane in 11 ends, 11-10, after Jock pulled a 5 end in the 10th to tie. In the Consolation, Bart beat a strong St. Andrew's of New Brunswick rink 8-7 after being tied again in the 9th. He lost a tougher one to Nashua 10-9 after another tie in the 9th. Needless to say, Bart's draw game was superb.

Ardsley #1

Hastings (skip)
Weston (#3)
Fiske (#2)
Shaw (#1)

Ardsley #2

Eddison (skip)
Nash (#3)
Ringland (#2)
Kemp (#1)

"Aye, a' here and fit"

7. Windeler Enters Fourth Round - Dick Wells Hangs On to Lead --

Box Score
1/31/55

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Wells #4	3	0
Weston #8	2	1
Eddison #7	2	2
Stevens #5	2	2
V. Hockmeyer #2	2	2
Thorndike #6	1	2
Hastings #3	1	2
May #1	1	3

"Ye're awa' tae the heilands, laddie."

8. Jug Odgen Off to Colorful Start With Ardsley #3 Tied for First --

After two "rounds", Ardsley #3 (Gray, L. Hockmeyer, Stevenson, Marshall, Riggio, Wall and Nolan) is tied for first with St. Andrew's #2 and St. Andrew's #3 with two wins and no losses.

The boys go at it again on February 5th and then again on Sunday, February 13th after the Scots leave town.

"Thon's restin' right on the pat-lid."

9. It's Time for Curling --

Tune: Tramp, Tramp, Tramp

On a snappy winter's day, with your troubles laid away,
There's a game that's always keen to test your skill;
When the skip yells in or out, you must know that you're about,
Or the skip with fervent words your ear will fill.

Chorus

Man, oh man, it's time for curling, let's be getting in the hack,
Put your stones all in the park and don't mind the skipper's bark
When he tries to make you sweep to break your back.

When your hand is on the stone, you would like a telephone,
So you could hear the words the skip will say;
Then you say, "Oh, what the hell, it perhaps is just as well,
For I'll shoot it as I want to anyway." --Cho.

When you're trying hard to lead, then it makes you sore indeed,
That the skip is always beefing on your style;
But you certainly feel grand when that wise guy tries his hand,
And he doesn't make the shot within a mile. --Cho.

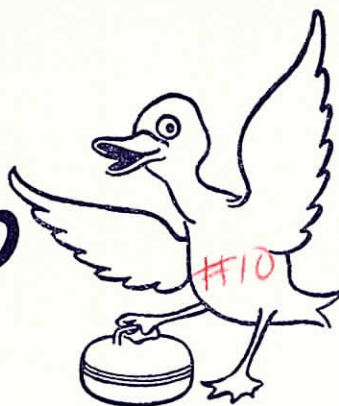
When your toes are getting cold, and you realize you're old,
And the skip won't let the third decide the shot;
Then you'd like to take a chance with your toe against his pants,
But, of course, decide that you had better not. -- Cho.

Besoms up, Mon,

Art Kemp
Secretary

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February 16, 1955

1. Ardsley Scores Best Against Scots --

Scoring 3 wins out of the 4 registered by American teams (the Westchester Wicks winning the other one) Ardsley curlers are to be commended on their excellent showing against the Scottish team which walked away with honors in every district in which they curled.

Paced by Vic Hockmeyer's 12-2 victory over John Watson, captain and president of the Royal Caledonia Curling Club, Ardsley rinks, skipped by Russ Weston (11-8) and Bart Eddison (8-5) came through on the winning side. The only Ardsley rink to lose its match ran up against the Scots National championship rink which proved a bit too expert for our local boys to handle.

At the conclusion of curling on Monday afternoon, all of the Scot curlers and many members of Ardsley, St. Andrew's, Caledonia and Mahopac joined at the Yale Club where the spirit of good fellowship prevailed til the wee hours ... thanks to Dunc Sutphen, Chairman.

All district curlers have Albie Shaw and Eddie Fiske to thank for the splendid arrangements, especially the excellent dinner-dance at the Ardsley Country Club on Saturday evening, chairmened by Al Koehl and Hal Sothern.

Of special interest to all concerned was the statement by the Scots that the St. Andrew's ice was the keenest and best they had curled on during their entire trip. Our congratulations go out to the St. Andrew's club and especially to Jim Stanley for providing such grand ice.

The following wire from Bill Kimbel to President Graaskamp should make all Ardsley curlers proud of their membership in the Ardsley Curling Club.

"Congratulations on the splendid showing of Ardsley against the Scots. Ardsley's place in curling is now deep rooted in the record and in the traditions of the game. Wish I could have been with you to relive happy associations with Ardsley curlers. May they always prosper.

2. Ardsley #1 Wins District Medal --

The Ardsley #1 rink, skipped by Ad Hastings from the #2 position, won the Grand National Curling Club District Medal by winning in an all-Ardsley final. The rink, comprising Sheets (#1), Hastings (#2, Skip), Fiske (#3) and Wells (#4), defeated Ardsley #2 skipped by Weston, Thorndike (#3), V. Hockmeyer (#2) and Ringland (#1), by a score of 10-9. Wells' final stone drew a port and removed Weston's lying stone in probably one of the most thrilling finals ever to be played in a district championship.

3. Ardsley Rink Makes Excellent Showing at Quebec International Bonspiel --

A rink composed of May and Thorndike (alternating at skip and #3), Leighton (#2) and Griggs (lead) attended the recent Quebec International Bonspiel.

Considering the type of competition, our boys didn't do badly. One hundred and twenty rinks of Canada's best (and including 6 U. S. rinks) participated. The spiel is but one feature of Quebec's month-long winter carnival.

In the first match our Ardsley rink met a rink from Brantford, Ontario which, when last head of, had reached the finals. Although this "Brant Club" group scored a 5 end and a 6 end against our boys, they only nosed them out in the last end 13-11.

Next Ardsley met Fredericton and lost by the opposing skip's last stone 8-9.

Then came a match versus Ottawa West which Ardsley won 9-4.

The following match was with East Malartic and Ardsley again won handily 10-2.

That night Thorndike, Leighton and Griggs were initiated into membership in the Pea Soup Section of the Quebec Curling Club. May was their eager sponsor.

The next morning the "roof fell in" on our rink which met a hot quartet - Quebec Victoria - on a tricky sheet of ice. Ardsley lost this one 13-5.

That afternoon, by way of redeeming themselves, Ardsley won 9-4 from a good Hamilton Thistle rink.

Next and last they met Brockville and were leading 8-6 when the time limit expired after 9 ends. However, the timekeeper and his bell - always on hand when Ardsley was trailing - had unfortunately disappeared at this point. In the 10th end the opposing skip's last stone cut out Ardsley's lying shot to give Brockville a 3 end and a 1 stone victory. Thus Ardsley won 3 and lost 4 matches against Canada's best.

Hugh Leighton in his Cadillac Eldorado (christened the Queen Mary by his passengers)drove the entire 1,000 miles, making some fine in-turns

and out-turns, narrowly missing a triple "promote" on some tricky ice and showing signs of only one slight wick on the right front fender. His passengers enjoyed the trip and the "spiel" from beginning to end and are grateful to skip May too for the invitation which was to him personally.

4. Windeler Competition Fast Drawing to Close --

Vic Hockmeyer accomplished "the impossible" last Tuesday night by handing the Wells' rink its first defeat of the season. However, with a 4 win and 1 loss average and 2 to go, the Wells' rink still leads the 8 rink competition. Eddison #7 and V. Hockmeyer #2 are tied for second place with 4 wins and 2 losses with 1 more game to play.

One of the highlights of recent Windeler matches was a 7 end made by Bill Wood and his #7 rink against Stevens' #5 rink skipped by Sothern. Sothern laid his last stone squarely on the button and "almost" completely guarded it. However, Bill came down the ice with one of his "fast ones" and, missing the guard by no more than a quarter of an inch, chipped out Hal's lying stone, giving Bill a most coveted 7 end for his efforts.

The Windeler scores as of February 11th are as follows:

Windeler Scores (as of 2/11/55)

	<u>Win</u>	<u>Lose</u>
Wells #4	4	1
Eddison #7	4	2
V. Hockmeyer #2	4	2
Weston #8	3	2
Hastings #3	2	3
Thorndike #6	2	3
Stevens #5	2	4
May #1	1	5

5. Jug Ogden Competition Developing New Skips --

With Ardsley #3, skipped by Gray and L. Hockmeyer, and Ardsley #2, skipped by Lueck and Samuel, doing exceedingly well in the Annual Jug Ogden competition, the Ardsley Curling Club soon will be welcoming some new blood in the role of skips for future competitions.

The Jug Ogden box scores as of February 11th are as follows:

Jug Ogden "Box Scores"
(as of 2/11/55)

	<u>Win</u>	<u>Lose</u>
Ardsley #3	3	0
St. Andrew's #3	3	0
Ardsley #2	2	1
St. Andrew's #2	2	1
Caledonia #1	2	1
Mahopac #2	1	1
Caledonia #2	1	2
Mahopac #1	0	2
Ardsley #1	0	3
St. Andrew's #1	0	3

6. Ardsley Sending Rink to the Gordon Medal at Schenectady on February 18, 19 and 20 --

Ad Hastings, with Nash, Sheets and Kemp, will skip the rink being sent to Schenectady for the weekend.

7. Ardsley Enters Rink in Lord Elgin Trophy --

The Lord Elgin Competition will be held on March 24, 25 and 26 at the Royal Caledonia Curling Club in Montreal and the Curling Committee requests the names of Ardsley curlers who would like to attend this international bonspiel. If you are interested, please communicate immediately with Bill Wood, Chairman of the Curling Committee.

8. Ardsley Cup Competition Scheduled for Washington's Birthday, February 22 --

The Annual Ardsley Cup Competition with St. Andrew's will be held as usual on Washington's Birthday with Ardsley entering 9 rinks against an equal number from St. Andrew's.

The object is to see which club scores the most points and the particular rink on the winning side that scores the most points (net) wins the coveted Ardsley Cup "Medals".

The rinks are as follows:

Curling at 9:45 a.m.

Sheet #1
Wells (skip)
CvB
V Hockmeyer
Samuel

Sheet #2
Eddison (skip)
Colgan
Kemp
Sothorn

Sheet #3
Thorndike (skip)
Griggs
Stevenson
Warner

Curling at 12:15 p.m.

Sheet #1
Hastings (skip)
Conley
Kimball
Wall

Sheet #2
Stevens (skip)
Edens
Koehl
Riggio

Sheet #3
May (skip)
Bickford
Marshall
Upjohn

Curling at 2:45 p.m.

Sheet #1
Weston (skip)
Achilles
Reed
Sutphen

Sheet #2
Fiske (skip)
Robinson
Shaw
Stewart

Sheet #3
V. Hockmeyer (skip)
H. McAfee
Nolan
Sheets

Wells versus Fry; Eddison versus Seibert; Thorndike versus Ruston.

Hastings versus Locke; Stevens versus Arndt; May versus Carl.

Weston versus Hahn; Fiske versus McCullough; Hockmeyer versus Dudley.

9. Grand National Curling Club Annual Booklet Being Mailed With This Issue of Duck Soup --

The Grand National Curling Club has issued an informative and instructive booklet on curling, a copy of which is being sent to active members only (each member already has been billed \$1.00 for this booklet).

The past history of all competitions are included together with copies of minutes of all Grand National meetings. In glancing through it, you will be gratified to see the high standing of Ardsley over the past 20 years.

As Ken Watson once said -- "If you really want the curling bug to bite, go on a Bonspiel".

Art Kemp
Secretary

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



March 9, 1955

1. Ardsley Wins Annual "Ardsley Cup" Competition --

The Annual Washington Birthday competition with St. Andrew's was won this year by "Ardsley" with Ed Fiske's rink receiving the 4 medals. They had a Plus 9 score. May finished second with Plus 7 and Eddison third with Plus 6. Here's the Box score:

<u>Ardsley</u>		<u>St. Andrew's</u>	
Wells	9	Chattin	4
Eddison	10	Siebert	4
Thorndike	6	Ruston	9
Hastings	9	Williamson	6
May	13	Thorndyke, L.	6
Stevens	11	Arndt	8
*Fiske	14	McKinney	5
Hockmeyer	4	Dudley	11
Weston	10	Hahn	6
	86		59

*Winner of Button

2. Hastings Loses in Finals of "Mohawk" Competition --

Ad Hastings and his rink of Sheets, Nash and Kemp, reached the Finals of the Mohawk competition against the "Sno-birds" on Sunday, February 20, at Schenectady only to lose by one stone in an extra end. Addie tied the score with a great take-out in the 14th but lost the toss for the extra end. After another double take-out with his last stone, Bob Davies of Utica (skipping for the Sno-birds) drew one to the bottom and the match was over.

3. Windeler Competition Ends in Two-way Tie --

Dick Wells and Vic Hockmeyer tie for first place in the Windeler Competition. Ash Thorndike beat the Wells rink 11-10 in its final match, while Russ Weston, another contender, lost out to Hastings on the same evening.

Final Windeler Competition Box Score

	<u>Win</u>	<u>Lose</u>
Wells #4	5	2
V. Hockmeyer #2	5	2
Eddison #7	4	3
Weston #8	4	3
Hastings #3	3	4
Thorndike #6	3	4
Stevens #5	2	5
May #1	1	6

... so May wins the "Fur Lined"!

4. Jug Ogden Competition Lead by St. Andrew's #2 --

Jack Gray and Iang Hockmeyer are tied for third and fourth in the annual Jug Ogden Competition with 4 wins and 3 losses each with two matches to go.

Here's the Box Score (as of 3/3/55):

Jug Ogden "Box Scores"

	<u>Win</u>	<u>Lose</u>
St. Andrew's #2	7	2
St. Andrew's #3	6	3
Ardsley #3	4	3
Ardsley #2	4	3
St. Andrew's #1	4	4
Caledonia #1	3	3
Caledonia #2	3	4
Ardsley #1	2	3
Mahopac #2	2	4
Mahopac #1	2	5

5. Ardsley Rinks Run into Trouble in "Stockton" Competition --

Our two entrants to the "Stockton" Bonspiel in Boston had a wonderful week-end of curling, but the competition was a bit rough.

Ardsley #1 skipped by Russ Weston beat Winchester in its initial match, but then was eliminated by a strong Country Club rink.

The rink was comprised of Weston (Skip), V. Hockmeyer, Sothern and Warner.

Ardsley #2, consisting of Eddison (Skip), Thorndike, Bill Wood and Koehl, were beaten in their first match by a strong Schenectady rink and again by a St. Andrew's rink, comprised of Lee McCullough, Arndt, Fry and Davis, which rink then went on to win the Clyde Medal.

Congratulations, Lee! Condolences, Bart and Russ!

6. "Close-of-the-Season" Dinner Scheduled for Tuesday, March 22nd, at Leightons Restaurant --

The final dinner meeting of the current curling season will be held at Leightons Restaurant on Tuesday, March 22nd, at 8 P.M. (Cocktails at 7 P.M.).

Officers for the ensuing year will be elected and Committee Chairmen appointed. Remaining medals also will be awarded.

Ash Thorndike will be Toastmaster in Grassy's absence, and for the curious, some "special" entertainment is planned.

Please send in enclosed post card or call Hugh Leighton (Dinner Chairman) and plan to wear your Curling Jacket.

7. Kimball Match of February 27th Defaulted to Dick Wells --

Unfortunately, it was impossible for the Kimball "Challengers" to curl on Sunday, February 27th, so Dick Wells technically "wins again." With but one match still scheduled it looks pretty much as though Dick and his rink win another Kimball Medal. Congratulations, Skip!

The rink consists of Wells, Fiske, Hastings, Ringland and Kemp.

8. Ardsley Sends Top Rink to Winchester --

Skipped by Ad Hastings, a "prize" rink consisting of Hastings, (Skip), Fiske, Bill Wood, and a local "pick-up", sojourned to Boston last week-end to take on all comers in the First Annual Winchester Bonspiel.

The rink won its first match against the Toronto Granites handily and they then defeated a fine Brae Burn rink but lost in the semi-finals to Sherbrooke 12-11 in the final end.

A rink from Frederickton won the "Winchester" Medal and the consolation was won by Winchester, skipped by the Bronspiel chairman.

9. Joe Ringland's Rink Beaten by Final Stone in Dykes --

Curling beautifully and overcoming all opposition until the last match, Joe Ringland's rink with Lueck, L. Hockmeyer and Edens tasted their first defeat in the final match with the opposition winning by a score of 9-8.

A crack rink from Utica won the Dykes Medal.

Charlie Nash's rink didn't fare quite as well, losing its first two matches in a row. But Charlie had the great distinction of being present when an 8 end was scored. This is something no skip ever forgets.

10. Congratulations to Dick Wells! --

The February 28th issue of the New York Times carried the story of Dick Well's appointment as President of the newly formed National Potash Company. The company will produce potash from deposits near Carlsbad, N. Mexico. Congratulations, Dick, but don't stray too far from "home."

11. Please Help Your Membership Committee Build a Backlog of New Curlers for Next Year --

According to our new membership plan, candidates for membership next year will be screened and reviewed from now on and during the summer so that at our "Opening" meeting of the season we will have a representative list of good names from which to choose.

If you know of some likely prospects, get their names to Ash Thorndike right away.

See you all at the Season's closing dinner.

Art Kemp
Secretary

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for Ardsley Curlers



March 18, 1955

FLASH! SPECIAL ISSUE!!

1. Final Banquet of Year To Be Held at Leighton's Restaurant on Tuesday, March 22 --

An all-out attendance is expected at Hugh Leighton's Restaurant on Tuesday evening for the Closing Dinner and Meeting of the Year. All members are invited and those with jackets should wear same. Cocktails will be served at 7:00 pm with dinner around 8:30 pm.

If you have not sent in your post card, call Hugh Leighton at once!

2. V. Hockmeyer Wins Windeler Cup --

In a playoff last Sunday, V. Hockmeyer and his rink, comprising Graaskamp, Lanigan, H. McAfee, Upjohn and Sheets, won the Club Championship from the Dick Wells' rink* which is comprised of CvB, Edens, L. Hockmeyer, Samuel and Robinson.

The score was tied in the last end, but Hockmeyer won in the extra end,

*Skipped by Guy Robinson

See you at the banquet.

Art Kemp
Secretary

Duck Soup

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April 7, 1955.

Those of you who were there will recall what a grand finale it was to a fine curling season, but for the benefit of those who were unable to attend, Art Kemp has asked me to give you a report on the final dinner of the Ardsley Curling Club, held at Hugh Leighton's Restaurant last month. President Graaskamp and Treasurer Van Alstyne found urgent business in Florida and were unable to be present, but they had not forgotten us up here in the snow and sent along telegraphed greetings to the diners. Bill Wood, Chairman of the Curling Committee, reviewed the results of the season. All agreed that it was a very successful season for the Ardsley Curling Club.

Perhaps the best demonstration was put on by the Ardsley Club in their matches against the Scots. Of four matches, Ardsley rinks won three of them, a record that I believe was unequalled by any club across the country. In the Ardsley Cup Competition with St. Andrews, the Ardsley curlers won the cup by 27 stones, with Eddie Fiske and his rink having the best plus score. In the competition for the District Medal it wound up as an all Ardsley final, and a close one at that. Hastings skipped the winning rink from the #2 position, but Dick Wells, playing #4 for Ad, with a great take-out shot with the last stone kept Weston's rink from gaining its tie and putting the match into an extra end.

With Vic Hockmeyer substituting for Dick Wells, Ad took the District Champions up to the Royal Caledonia. They lost their first match to an Ormstown rink in the final ends, winding up behind 12 to 9. From there on the boys got hot and went through to win the St. Lawrence Cup, beating an Ottawa rink 18 to 4, Ottawa conceding the match with two ends to go.

Ardsley sent two rinks up to the Dykes Competition, and Joe Ringland led his boys into the finals where they lost a tough one. A couple of more stones and Joe would have brought the Dykes Medal back to Ardsley.

Ad Hastings took a rink to Schenectady to compete in the Douglas-Griffiths-Mohawk Competition, and wound up in the finals of the Mohawk Competition, losing in an extra end to a Sno-Birds rink.

The finish of the Windeler Competition found Vic Hockmeyer the winner in a playoff, with Wells' rink and Bill May gaining undisputed possession of The Fur Lined Mug.

It has been proposed and approved by the St. Andrews Committee that the Westchester clubs be granted a week-end in which to hold a Westchester Bonspiel, with Ardsley, Mahopac and Caledonia as the host clubs. To work out the details and timing of this bonspiel, B. R. Wood was named Chairman of a committee including Ad Hastings and Hal Sothern.

The Nominating Committee brought in their recommendations for officers for the 1955-56 Season. Their nominations received unanimous approval for the following officers:

Ashley Thorndike	President
B. R. Wood	Vice-President
Ward Van Alstyne	Treasurer
Maitland Griggs	(Co-Secretaries
Hugh Leighton	(

The Curling Committee

Al Shaw	Chairman
W. B. May	
Charles Upjohn	
Russ Weston	
B. R. Wood	

The Membership Committee

Eddie Fiske	Chairman
Lang Hockmeyer	
Nelson Kimball	
Charlie Nash	
Joe Ringland	

It seems probable there will be vacancies in the Club membership to be filled next year. If you have likely candidates whom you would like to sponsor, it would be well to record their candidacy with the Membership Committee and have the prospect meet several members of the Committee and other Club members prior to the first meeting next fall.

Art Kemp had a stroke of great luck in finding a very fine and beautiful volume describing the history of Curling in this country, which he immediately acquired at a very reasonable price with the thought that it would be rotated in the custody of the President of the Club, and it was recommended that Mr. Kemp be reimbursed from the Club treasury for the cost of this volume.

The final pièce de résistance was the special entertainment provided by "Mary from Utica". It seems as though one of our roving rinks at a Utica bonspiel adopted her as their mascot. I gather she fell under the spell of our mustachioed hero, M. Griggs. I suspect next year we will find Mary's name on our list of honorary members. She was a great hit with her songs of the prowess of the Ardsley boys composed by Sothern and his collaborators.

So with this letter the duties of the Secretary will fall upon the able shoulders of Griggs and Leighton. You will be hearing from them before the next gathering in the fall.

R. C. Sheets

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