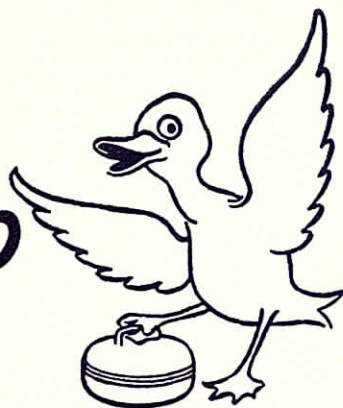


Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



August 1, 1955

One may not be giving much thought to curling in this record hot weather but the Grand National Curling Club of America is on the job, hot or cold.

The latest evidence of this is a letter from its president John Joy, informing us that this year's "Iceless Bonspiel" will be held at Stockbridge, Mass. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 30, October 1st and 2nd with all participants staying at the famous old Red Lion Inn.

Stockbridge was chosen because of its being as centrally located as possible for all clubs, and since it is in the beautiful Berkshires where at that time of year the foliage should be at its height it seems an ideal selection.

The Red Lion Inn has arranged a special full American Plan rate of \$15.00 per day per person for room with private bath; \$13.00 daily per person for rooms with connecting bath.

The Stockbridge Golf Club has, to your secretary's personal knowledge, a fine 18 hole layout and has arranged a special greens fee of only \$2.50 per day for curlers. Furthermore on Saturday, October 1st, the day of the tournament, a simple luncheon will be served at the Golf Club, the cost of which will be part of the daily American Plan tariff quoted by the Red Lion.

Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to be one of what should be a large contingent to attend from the Ardsley Curling Club. Many members may wish to bring their wives and, as in the past, they will be a welcome addition to the party. Those wives who like to golf or appreciate beautiful scenic drives should enjoy it especially. Please check off the enclosed post card now if you expect to attend so we can notify as to the approximate number and we will make a recheck on about September 7th.

Meanwhile sharpen up your golf strokes, your gamesmanship, your fenders, your right elbows, your repartee or whatever else you contemplate exercising from September 30th thru October 2nd. Your "brithers" will be doin' the same.

You are reminded that if you have any candidates for such vacancies as may exist in our membership for the coming year you would do well to record their candidacy now with the Membership Committee and have the prospect meet several members of that Committee and other Club members prior to our first fall meeting. The Membership Committee is composed of

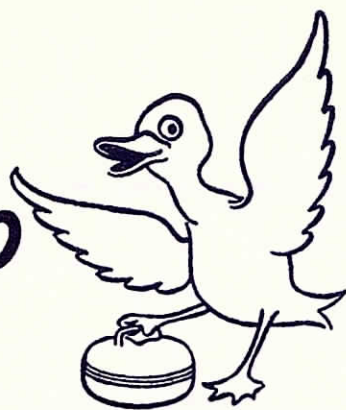
Eddie Fiske, Chairman
Lang Hockmeyer
Nelson Kimball
Charlie Nash
Joe Ringland

Bill Wood and his special committee of Ad Hastings and Hal Sothern have done a fine job in arranging for Ardsley, in conjunction with Mahopac and Caledonia, to put on its own Bonspiel in mid-December. It will probably constitute three events. Details later.

Mait Griggs
Secretary

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for Ardsley Curlers



September 1, 1955

It is important that all the past year's members signify at once whether or not they wish the same membership status for the '55/'56 curling season.

In making your decision please bear in mind that our membership is limited and that there is a waiting list. To remain an active member and then curl very little is obviously unfair to those enthusiasts who would like to join.

Kindly signify your wishes on the enclosed card and mail it as soon as possible. We will then know how many vacancies exist to be filled by new candidates.

Yours truly announces with regret the fact that his elected co-secretary, Hugh Leighton, is leaving these parts for the languorous climate and activities of the Virgin Islands. At the same time he is happy to advise that Charlie Nash has agreed to take Hugh's place. Charlie has arranged to have the stenciling, addressing and mailing of Duck Soup done in his New York office - a great help since yours truly is not equipped to have this service performed except at considerable cost to the Club for the services of a public stenographer.

We'll miss you, Hugh. Come back and curl with us occasionally when the spirit (or spirits) of the Virgin Islands can't move.

At the request of Glenn Harris, Editor and Publisher of the "North American Curling News" we will supply him with the names of our active members when they are known. This will entitle every member to receive a copy of each of the next seven issues of that publication starting with the November 15th copy.

Later we will take a vote of the membership as to whether to let the Club pay \$1.50 per member (a special Club rate) for the subscriptions. If this is voted down no payment will be requested of the Club or members.

This is an introductory offer on which the "Curling News" is gambling that we will like it enough to authorize the payment.

When President Thorndike celebrated a birthday recently one of his daughters presented him with a broom on which were festooned various objects having to do with curling or curling attire. Accompanying it was the following ditty:

"WHAT IS A BROOM?"

Some say a broom
Can clean a room.
Yes, that is so -
But did you know
A broom can sweep?

Listen and I'll tell you a story
Of men who love their glory.
It seems there once was a game
That went by a most puzzling name.
Curling it was, invented by Scots
(Sounds like twisting hair in knots)
It has nothing at all to do with that
Not played with a ball or a baseball bat.

It is played on ice,
Which is all very nice
For men full grown.
It is played with a stone
And a broom that can sweep!

All bundled up from foot to ear,
Under the arm a bottle of cheer,
The men turn out.
Some thin, some stout,
With shiny red noses
And rather cold toeses
To play that curious game.
Yes, Curling is its name.

Those men full grown
They take a stone
And throw the thing
Down the ice to a ring
If the broom can sweep!

Now the broom must make way
So the stone won't delay
In reaching its spot.
The players all get very hot
As they sweep with great might
So the stone will go in right.
The middle of the ring is where it should go,
And to sweep is the only way they know.

Curlers say hooray
At the end of the day
If the game was won.
Only one way was it done -
That's by the broom that can sweep!

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We've searched far and wide for this treasure.
The size is right to the measure.
The medals on it are only a symbol
Of the game in which you're so nimble.

So here is a broom for you
We really don't think it will do,
But it does resemble - a broom that can sweep.

Such contributions to Duck Soup as the above are welcome at all times.

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Will any who have not yet mailed in your cards signifying your interest as to attending the
"Iceless Bonspiel" please do so now.

About September 7th we will check by phone only those who expressed a hope to attend and those who stated definite intent to be there. It appears, from returns to date, that a fairly large representation from the A.C.C. will attend - many with their wives.

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For your information we enclose a copy of the procedures adopted by the Membership Committee which will again be followed this year.

If you have any questions regarding new memberships which have not been covered by the above or the August 1st issue of Duck Soup, contact Chairman Fiske for further information.

Mait Griggs
Sec'y.

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



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The annual business meeting was held at Frexy Thorndike's home October 18th with 26 members in attendance. Voting took place to fill the vacancies left by change to associate membership of Crassy, Hugh Leighton and Mickey Wood.

The following were elected to active membership and are hereby cordially welcomed to the "brithershood".

D. L. Bibby

B. H. McCormack

S. D. Stevenson

Congratulations fellers! We hope you enjoy the game and the fellowship that goes with it as much as we do.

The opening curling dinner has been set for TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd at the Ardsley Club. Cocktails promptly at 7:00 p.m. Charlie Stewart has been appointed chairman thereof. Let's all try to be on hand. Please return the enclosed card to Charlie now.

The first night of curling is planned for TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, providing there can be ice by then. The regular Ardsley nights and sheets will be the same as last year, i.e., three sheets Tuesday nights and one sheet Thursday nights.

The "iceless 'spiel" was held at Stockbridge October 1st with about 20 Ardsleyites attending. Thanks to sterling performances on the links by Bill Wood and Bob Samuel the

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local boys brought the main trophy - the Ardsley bowl - home with them. Bill won low gross honors for the tournament which was attended by golfing and fall-foliage-sight-seeing curlers and their wives from the U. S. and Canada. A versatile athlete is our Willie!

The bonspiel sponsored by Ardsley, Caledonia and Mahopac, in supplying the ice for which St. Andrews has, as always, been most cooperative, will be held December 15th through 18th and it is planned to have 24 rinks participate. It will be known as the Cuthbertson bonspiel in affectionate memory of the late and beloved Willie.

Al Shaw, our Curling Committee Chairman, has suggested a way in which some of us should be able to help that committee in making up rinks for the Blanton and Windeler competitions. If you know now that you will be away on business or pleasure in December or January or will frequently be tied up Tuesday nights in committee meetings please phone Al now at Irvington 9-1661 and tell him your plans. In this way absences will be distributed and no one rink will suffer unduly. Your cooperation in this respect will be much appreciated.

Enclosed herewith is this year's list of members with addresses and home and business phone numbers. Keep it handy.

Make a note of these dates now:

Tuesday, November 22nd - Opening dinner

Tuesday, November 29th - Curling starts. (Schedules and
rinks will be mailed out shortly)

Thursday thru Sunday,

December 15th thru 18th - our own Cuthbertson Bonspiel at St. Andrews.

Nash & Griggs
Co-Soc'ys.

Enclosures

November 10, 1955

Mr. Edwin W. Fiske, Jr.
Sheldon Avenue
Tarrytown, New York

Dear Mr. Fiske:

I am enclosing a draft of the proposed new procedure with respect to new members for the Ardsley Curling Club.

The original procedures were re-worked at a Committee meeting held at Mr. Lang Hockmeyer's home on Tuesday night, November 8th, attended by Messrs. Hockmeyer, Kimball, Thorndike and myself.

If you or any of the Committee members feel that another meeting is required to iron out any differences of opinion that exist, we had better have such a meeting promptly as the new procedure should be sent out to members about a week prior to the annual dinner on November 22nd so that the new procedures can be accepted at that time.

If you are all satisfied with the attached draft, please let me know promptly and I will have it duplicated for sending out to active members.

Yours very truly,


Charles R. Nash
Co-Secretary

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Copies sent to:

Mr. L. Hockmeyer: Dobbs Ferry
Mr. Nelson Kimball: Irvington
Mr. Joseph Ringland: Irvington
Mr. Ashley Thorndike: Ardsley-on-Hudson

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November 15, 1955

At the annual meeting held October 17th last, the Membership Committee was charged with the chore of revising the "Procedures with respect to new members" adopted last year.

A number of members at last month's meeting expressed dissatisfaction with the present procedure and enclosed herewith is your Membership Committee's proposed revision, the principal change being the election of new members and establishment of a qualified waiting list as covered in paragraph 10.

Adoption or otherwise of the revised procedure will be discussed at the opening dinner Tuesday, November 22nd at the Ardsley Country Club so come prepared with your approval, objections, comments or questions.

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Please change the business telephone number for Mr. Charles T. Stewart to read - CHickering 4 - 2000 on the new membership list recently sent you.

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Don't forget the opening dinner Tuesday night November 22nd - cocktails at 7 p.m. at the Ardsley Country Club. Send in your card or advise Charlie Stewart of your intention to attend.

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There is a possibility that the ice will be ready at St. Andrews for a few ends after dinner next Tuesday. Anyone interested should bring their gear along - just in case.

Griggs & Nash
Secretaries

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



November 25, 1955

The opening dinner held Tuesday evening, November 22nd, was a great success and one of the best attended in recent years - forty-four active and associate members being present.

The Ardsley Cup and Ardsley Bowl, both highly polished, were on display, having been won by the Club in the past year. The Windeler Cup, gleaming, was also on display by courtesy of the present holder, Vic Hockmeyer.

Latest reports were heard on the Cuthbertson Bonspiel to be held December 15 - 18 at St. Andrew's. A number of invitations are still to be heard from, otherwise arrangements are well in hand.

The revision to "Procedures With Respect To New Members" was discussed and adopted after one or two minor revisions were proposed and accepted. A copy of the proposed new "Procedures" was sent to members with the November 13th Duck Soup. The new "Procedures" as amended and adopted will be sent to members shortly.

Mr. Eric Logerkrantz was welcomed back to active membership after a year on the bench as an associate member.

Enclosed are the following schedules for:

Blanton Competition and schedule

Wilds Competition and schedule

Rinks for coming Bonspiels and competitions at St. Andrew's

List of Bonspiels for current season.

Please make corrections to above lists as follows:

Mr. E. Lagerkrantz to play on Blanton rink F (Nash) and on Wilds rink #1 (Hastings - May).

On rinks for Cuthbertson Bonspiel - Griggs replaces Kemp on Rink #1, Lueck replaces Eddison on Rink #2, and Rink #3 is added, with Wells (Skip), Achilles, vonBernuth and Robinson.

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Please return the enclosed post card indicating which out of town bonspiels you would like to attend in order of your preference - don't forget to sign your name.

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Please make the following changes on the membership list sent to you with November list

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Mr. Eric Lagerkrantz from Associate to Active member.

Mr. Ralph McAfee from Active to Associate member.

Delete Mr. Henry L. Shephard from Associate membership list, as he has resigned.

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With the official season starting Tuesday, November 29th, here's a good luck wish to you all - keen ice and good curling.

Griggs and Nash
Co-Secretarys

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



December 2, 1955

Ardsley's '55/'56 season opened Tuesday night November 29th with a crashing of stones and frenzied shouts from skips to SWEEP. Considering it was the first time on the ice for most members since last Spring the curling was quite good.

The first round of the Blanton saw six of the eight rinks in action with Rink A skipped by Bob Marshall, subbing for sick-listed Hal Sothern, May, Eddison and Bickford taking Rink B skipped by Bill Wood with Fiske, Achilles and Gramskeep by a score of 11 - 5.

Rink C skipped by Ralph Sheets with Sutphen, Shaw and Horace McAfee were really hot in winning over Rink D skipped by Joe Ringland with Weston, Koehl and Ken Stevenson by a score of 14 - 4.

Rink E skipped by Charlie Upjohn with Vic Hockmeyer, Stevens and Kimball had a nip and tuck match winning 10 - 9 against Rink F skipped by Nash with Thorndike, Robinson and Lang Hockmeyer.

The one Thursday night match between Rinks G and H resulted in a 13 - 6 win for H skipped by Art Kemp with Edens, Gray and CVB against G skipped by Charlie Stewart with Sheets (sub), Grigge and Stevens. The grapevine reports that Kemp saved several large ends with spectacular last rock shots.

As a result of this week's matches Rinks A-C-E and H now play for the Gold Blanton, while Rinks B-D-F and G play for the Silver Blanton.

"DUCK SOUP"

December 2, 1955

Unfortunately one of our best liked and most capable skips has found it necessary to retire to Associate Membership due to business reasons, and as we have no approved nor accepted waiting list it will be necessary to hold a special meeting of active members at President Thorndike's house at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday evening December 28th to vote on new applicants. Please note that we have no applications pending so if you have any candidates please send your proposer and seconder letters to Membership Chairman Ed Fiske to reach him not later than December 14th. This matter should have your immediate attention if you have a candidate to propose.

WANT AD - Will the kind member who was at the opening dinner and made the offer to Albie Shaw to have the full season's schedule printed on a small card please contact one of your secretaries so we can give him the printing job. Hurry please - thanks.

Just a reminder to let Hal Sothorn know by December 6th if you plan to attend the Cuthbertson Bonspiel Dinner on December 16th.

To replace the telephone answering service we tried last year, arrangements have been made with St. Andrews for Ardsley curlers wanting to play to leave their name at the desk by phoning St. Andrews. Skips needing players may call there and see who is available.

Griggs & Nash
Secretaries

PROCEDURE WITH RESPECT TO NEW MEMBERS
ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

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1. The Membership Committee will 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 will review all applications for new members so that these names can be presented with the Committee's recommendations at the first annual business meeting of the Club or at any subsequent meeting specifically called for the election of new members.

3. Applicants must be proposed and seconded by letter by active members and such letters must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Membership Committee prior to September 15th. Proposers' and seconders' letters will state applicant's previous curling experience (if any) and availability for regular weekly curling.

4. Associate members desiring to become "active members" will be automatically reinstated at any time providing there are sufficient vacancies, and will take precedence over any applicants on the approved waiting list. Should there be more associate members wishing reinstatement to active status than there are vacancies, then the associate members wishing reinstatement to active status will be voted upon in the same manner as hereinafter provided for new members.

5. 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 first of October.

6. 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.

7. Ballot forms shall be presented at the meeting listing all candidates reviewed 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.

8. 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.

9. 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 bona fide.

10. If, at any election, one or more applicants receives a total of votes which exceeds more than half of the maximum possible vote for one person and still fails to be elected, such name or names shall be considered a qualified waiting list. For example, if there are five applicants, and thirty active members participate in the election, the maximum possible vote for one applicant would be 150 (five times thirty). Assuming one vacancy, one applicant would be elected to membership. One or possibly two other applicants might receive more than 75 votes and would thus form a qualified waiting list. The applications for other unsuccessful candidates (who received a total of 75 or less votes in the above example) shall be returned to the Committee Chairman, but may be re-presented if another election is held during the current season.

11. If additional vacancies occur during the season, and there is a qualified waiting list, the applicant on that list who had the highest vote shall be considered elected automatically. If there is no qualified list, the President may call a meeting specifi-

cally to hold an election, or designate that such an election shall take place at any other regular meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed to all active members at least ten days prior to date of such meeting.

12. There will be no carry-over of a qualified waiting list at the end of the season. Names on such a list must be re-presented by sponsors and seconders, but consideration will be given to their having been on the list during the previous year.

13. Applications received after September 15th and at least two weeks prior to any later election during the season, as specified in Paragraph 2, will be eligible for consideration.

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 election meeting in order to properly present their applicant's names, etc.

December 8, 1955

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



December 12, 1955

CUTHBERTSON BONSPIEL

All Ardsley Curlers and their wives are invited to the Thorndike's for cocktails Thursday evening, December 15th, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. to meet some of the out-of-town curlers who will be guests of the Curling Club at the buffet dinner following at the Ardsley Country Club. Those of you who can also make the buffet dinner please call Irvington 9 - 1650 for reservations at the Curlers' table.

Matches in the Cuthbertson start at 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning December 15th as follows:

Ardsley #1 vs Caledonia #1 - 9:00 a.m.

Ardsley #2 vs Schenectady - 9:00 a.m.

Ardsley #3 vs Caledonia #3 - 12:00 noon

BLANTON COMPETITION

First round matches for the Gold Medal resulted in wins for Rink 3 (Upjohn) over Rink 2 (Sheets) in a tight match that was decided in an extra end -- score 10 - 8, while Rink 4 (Kemp) won handily over Rink 1 (Sothorn) by a 17 - 8 score.

In the Silver Medal matches Rink 7 (Nash) won over Rink 8 (Stewart) 12 - 6, while on Thursday night's match Rink 5 (Wood) beat Rink 6 (Ringland) by a score of 11 - 4.

Next Blanton matches will be played on December 20th.

December 12, 1955

WILDS COMPETITION

After two weekends of play in this competition, Ardsley has an even break winning eight and losing eight. Rinks 1 and 2 have a 3-1 record, Rink 3 is 2-2, and Rink 4 is having a hard time getting started with no wins against four losses.

Standings of rinks in the Wilds as of December 12 are:

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
St. Andrews #3	4	1	.800
Ardsley #1	3	1	.750
Ardsley #2	3	1	.750
St. Andrews #1	3	2	.600
St. Andrews #4	3	2	.600
Ardsley #3	2	2	.500
Caledonia #1	2	2	.500
Caledonia #2	2	2	.500
Mahopac #2	2	2	.500
Mahopac #1	0	4	.000
Ardsley #4	0	4	.000

Enclosed are the regulations pertaining to new members as ammended at the opening dinner meeting. Don't forget the special meeting on December 28th at Ash Thorndike's home to vote on new members.

Also enclosed is the Grand National Curling Club schedule of bonspiels for the 1955/56 season.

We apologize for inadvertently omitting the name of the great skip who has had to

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become an Associate Member due to business reasons -- this famous curler is none other than Dick Wells -- hope you can be back with us next year Dick.

Griggs & Nash
Secretaries

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December 21, 1955

Don't forget the special meeting of active members at Ash Thorndike's home Wednesday evening December 28th to vote on new members.

The candidates to be voted on, with their proposers and seconders are:

Thomas A. Aldrich - proposed by Jack Gray and Bill Wood, seconded by Hal Sothorn and Charlie Nash.

Edwin L. Sibert - proposed by Guy Robinson, seconded by Joe Ringland and the Stevensons - K. and D.

R. G. Waldie - proposed by Mait Griggs and seconded by John Jones and L. W. Greas-kamp.

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If you find it impossible to attend this meeting, mail your absentee ballot to Ed Fiske, Chairman, Membership Committee, or give your proxy in writing to some active member attending. In this instance vote 3, 2, 1 for your first, second and third choices.

There is one active membership vacant at this time.

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Ardsley Club buttons are now available from the desk at St. Andrews. Please sign your name on the list provided and indicate the number of pins you take from this stock.

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NOTICE - Due to a mix-up in playing the Silver Blanton matches Tuesday night December 20, the announced schedule will be changed for the final matches next week as follows:

Tuesday, December 27 - 8 p.m. #6 (Ringland) vs #8 (Stewart)
 Thursday, December 29 - 8 p.m. #5 (Wood) vs #7 (Nash)

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Cuthbertson Memorial Bonspiel

Attendance at this bonspiel was somewhat disappointing and is believed to be due to the event being held so near Christmas. An effort will be made to have it scheduled later in the season for next year.

Nineteen rinks participated with four from St. Andrews, three each from Ardsley and N. Y. Caledonia, two from Mahopac and one each from Montreal Caledonia, Seignory, Schenectady, THE Country Club, Nashua, Braeburn and Winchester.

All Ardsley rinks started off well winning their first and second round matches in the Ardsley Medal competition. Thursday morning, December 15, results were:

Ardsley 1 (Hastings) vs N. Y. Caledonia 1	- 11 - 4
Ardsley 2 (Thorndike) vs Schenectady	- 12 - 10
Ardsley 3 (Hockmeyer) vs N. Y. Caledonia 3	- 8 - 7

Friday morning December 16 match results were:

Ardsley 1 vs St. Andrews 1	10 - 6
Ardsley 2 vs N. Y. Caledonia 2	14 - 3
Ardsley 3 vs Nashua	8 - 7

In a Friday afternoon match Ardsley 2 lost to Mahopac 1 by the close score of 8 - 7 and dropped to the N. Y. Caledonia Medal competition.

Saturday noon Ardsley 1 was eliminated by Mahopac 1 in a very close match 9 - 8 while late Saturday afternoon Ardsley 2 was eliminated by St. Andrews 3 by a score of 11 - 8.

Sunday morning Ardsley 3, our last remaining hope, was eliminated by St. Andrews 4 in a heart breaker - score 10 - 8.

In the Sunday afternoon finals Mahopac 1 (Halstead) took the Ardsley Medal defeating

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St. Andrews 4 (Gouldthorpe) by a score of 15 - 4.

The Mahopac Medal was won by Mahopac 2 (Mac Farlane) after a very close match with Schenectady (Ried), the final score being 11 - 10.

The N. Y. Caledonia Medal was lifted by The Country Club (Cushing) in a win over St. Andrews 3 (Siebert) by a score of 12 - 9.

A number of the "brithers" and their wives enjoyed a fine evening on Thursday with out of town rink members. Cocktails were served by Prexy Thorndike at his home followed by an excellent buffet dinner at the Ardsley Country Club. Quite a few of the diners appeared at the Russ Weston's after dinner to continue the festivities.

The Bonspiel Dinner on Friday evening at St. Andrews was a great success being admirably presided over and controlled by former Prexy "Grassy" Graaskamp.

All in all it was a good Bonspiel and everyone hopes to make it better next year.

Nash & Griggs
Secretaries

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



December 30, 1955

The special meeting at President Thorndike's house Wednesday evening, December 28, for the election of new members was attended by 22 active members with nine members voting by proxy. Mr. R. G. Walde was elected to active membership.

President Thorndike read a letter of thanks and appreciation from former President Graesskamp which is reprinted here for the benefit of all members:

"Dear Ash:

I am usually not at a loss for words. However, both the sentiment and the thoughtfulness of the letter signed by the full membership, wishing me well in my new job, touches me so deeply that I have no words to express my appreciation.

Both Dorothy and I have a deep and abiding affection for Ardsley because of the wonderful friends and neighbors we enjoyed. On my part, the highlight of my Ardsley residence will always be the Curling Club with its fine fellowship and good sport.

I can only say that I hope I can apply for active membership before old age overtakes me.

I hope you will tell all of my good friends of my appreciation.

Sincerely,

(signed) Graesskamp

It was voted to hold the mid-season curling dinner on Wednesday evening January 12

at the Ardsley Country Club. Cocktails at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 8:00 p.m. Please indicate your intention to attend or otherwise on the enclosed card and return to Charlie Nash promptly.

The members present also approved a club subscription to the North American Curling News at the reduced club rate of \$1.50 per member per season. This charge will be billed to each member in due course.

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Enclosed is a copy of the overall curling schedule for 1955/1956 involving Ardsley rinks. Please note that the Wilds matches previously announced for Saturday p.m. December 31 and the A1 - A3 match Monday noon January 2 have been changed to Tuesday and Thursday nights January 3 and 5.

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John Lanigan announces that NBC-TV will televise the finals of the Utica Bouspiel on January 22 on the Wide Wide World program 4 - 5:30 p.m. This will be worth watching.

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Blanton Competition

The matches in this competition were completed this week with Charlie Upjohn and his rink making a clean sweep to win the Gold Medal.

Charlie Stewart wins the Silver medal by the narrow margin of one point with a 2 - 1 record and 14 plus points against Charlie Nash with a 2 - 1 record and 13 plus points.

Final standings were:

<u>Gold</u>		<u>Silver</u>	
Upjohn	3 - 0	Stewart	2 - 1 (+ 14)
Kemp	2 - 1	Nash	2 - 1 (+ 13)
Sothorn	1 - 2	Ringland	1 - 2 (- 6)
Sheets	0 - 3	Wood	1 - 2 (- 21)

Wilds Competition

During the Christmas weekend Ardsley rinks played seven matches winning five and losing two with the A2 - M2 match postponed to a later date if possible but a forfeit by Mahopac if the match is not played.

Standings in the Wilds as of today are:

<i>Sulphur Wells</i> → Ardsley 2	4 - 1
<i>Hastings May</i> → Ardsley 1	4 - 2
<i>Fiske Thormaehlen</i> Ardsley 3A	4 - 2
Mahopac 2	3 - 2
St. Andrews 1	4 - 3
St. Andrews 3	4 - 3
St. Andrews 4	4 - 3
Caledonia 2	3 - 3
St. Andrews 2	3 - 4
Caledonia 1	2 - 4
Ardsley 4	1 - 5
Mahopac 1	1 - 5

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all and good curling in 1956.

Nash and Griggs
Co-Secretaries

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



January 31, 1956

The "Duck Soup" for issue last weekend was mailed to my secretary last Thursday morning before leaving for Winchester and has apparently been lost in the mail.

This will be a temporary issue until the original shows up.

I believe you have all heard discussed at one time or another the proposed U. S. Men's National Curling Championship as sponsored by Mr. Hughston M. McBain, Chairman of Marshall Field & Company, Chicago. Briefly, this provides for the division of the United States into eight districts, each consisting of eight or nine clubs, with each district having their playdowns and the winner meeting the seven other districts for the National Championship to be played in Chicago.

Marshall Field & Company will agree to act as sponsor for the first National Championship, providing trophies, medals and underwriting the expenses of the eight regional championship teams, including transportation and hotel accommodations.

It is proposed to make this a national event and it will be similar to the MacDonald Brier Championships held in Canada. As the Grand National Curling Association is expected to vote on this proposal at their annual meeting in Schenectady on February 10th, and we must instruct our delegate as to the wishes of our membership, will you please indicate your approval or otherwise on the enclosed postcard and return same as quickly as possible, but not later than February 8th.

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The following rinks will represent Ardsley at the Schenectady Bonspiel, February 10, 11 and 12:

Ardsley #1

Hastings, Skip
Stevens
Kemp
Edens

Ardsley #2

Nash, Skip
Achilles
Lueck
Jones

The following rink will represent Ardsley at the Nashua Bonspiel, February 16/17:

Thorndike, Skip
Fiske
Gray
Koehl

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Linc Siebert of St. Andrews has secured films of the MacDonald Brier Canadian Championship play in 1954 and 1955 and has invited all Ardsley curlers and their wives to attend a showing of these films at St. Andrews on Friday evening, February 3 at 8:30 p.m.

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If the previously prepared "Duck Soup" is not received in the next day or so, a re-issue will be made giving the standings in current competitions and out-of-town Bonspiel results of the last couple of weeks.

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Secretaries

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February 7, 1956

The Ardsley District Medal winning rink of Hastings, skip, Fisk, Upjohn and Sheets journeyed to Montreal January 18th for the Royal Victoria Jubilee and Royal Caledonian Trophy Bonspiel. While no trophies were won, a fine time was had with excellent curling from all reports.

Unfortunately the boys lost their first match in the Royal Victoria in a 13 - 12 squeaker to Montreal Heather. This match was played at the Town of Mount Royal Club.

Then going in to the Royal Caledonian they lost their first round match to Cornwall, Ontario by a 16 - 2 game played at the Outremont Club.

Finally in the Lady Gilmore Trophy competition the lads began to click winning over Renfrew, Ontario at the Royal Montreal Club by a score of 12 - 7. The next victim was Lachute, Quebec who were beaten 9 - 6 at the Caledonia Club.

The end of the road for Ardsley came on Saturday morning, January 21st, again at the Caledonia Club when the rink from Thetford Mines Quebec bested our boys in a 16 - 9 game.

A fine showing in the face of the usual strong Canadian competition.

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Social note -- our upstate correspondent reports that Albie Shaw and Art Kemp while in Utica recently renewed their acquaintance with Mary North - you will all remember

this young lady was Miss Ardsley Curling Club of 1955.

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JUG OGDEN JUG

Play in this competition for Junior Skips got under way the weekend of January 21/22 with three rinks each from Ardsley and St. Andrews and two each from Caledonia and Mahopac.

Ardsley rinks won four of six matches as follows:

Ardsley 3 - L. Hockmeyer skip, Wall, Bickford and Kimball had an easy win over Caledonia 1 by a 14 - 1 score.

Ardsley 2 - Marshall skip, Griggs, Lanigan and Bibby won a close one 9 - 8 over Ardsley 1 - Gray skip, Ried, Edens and Nolan.

Ardsley 3 - L. Hockmeyer skip, Kimball, McCormack and D. Stevenson had another easy win on Sunday 19 - 2 over Ardsley 1 - Leuck skip, Thayer, Lagercrantz and Jones.

Ardsley 2 - Griggs skip, McAfee, Colgan and Conley won again in a close one 9 - 8 over Caledonia 1.

The Ogden matches played the weekend of January 28/29 resulted in a split for Ardsley rinks - 3 wins against 3 losses.

On Saturday Ardsley 2 - Marshall skip, McAfee, Lanigan and Conley suffered a relapse at the hands of St. Andrews 2 losing 16 - 1, as Ardsley 3 - L. Hockmeyer skip, Wall, Bickford and D. Stevenson was winning handily from Mahopac 2 by 15 - 5 and Ardsley 1 - Gray skip, Reed, Lagercrantz and Nolan dropped a close one to St. Andrews 3 by 9 - 6.

On Sunday Ardsley 1 - Leuck skip, Thayer, Edens and Waldie took Caledonia 1 by 12 - 4, Ardsley 2 - Marshall skip, McAfee, Colgan and K. Stevenson lost 9 - 7 to St. Andrews 1 and Ardsley 3 - Samuel skip, Wall, Kimball and McCormack won 11 - 6 over Caledonia 2.

Current standings in the Jug Ogden are:

Ardsley 3	4 - 0
St. Andrews 2	4 - 0
Mahopac 2	3 - 1
Ardsley 2	2 - 2
St. Andrews 1	2 - 2
St. Andrews 3	2 - 2
Caledonia 2	2 - 2
Mahopac 1	2 - 2
Ardsley 1	1 - 3
Ardsley 3	0 - 4
Caledonia 1	0 - 4

WINDELER COMPETITION

The three matches played January 24th, Tuesday night, resulted in wins for rinks #1-2-3- over 5-7-8.

#2 - Upjohn skip, Fiske, L. Hockmeyer and Kimball were just too good for #8 - Hastings, skip, Nash, Gray and Waldie, setting down Mr. Curler himself (and rink) 13 - 6.

#1 - Bill May skip, with Wood, Robinson and Griggs continued their winning ways by taking #5 - Shaw skip, Stevens and Lagercrantz (3 against 4) by a 12 - 10 win.

Rus Weston skipping #3 rink with Sheets, Leuck and Nolan made a great comeback in the last two or three ends to win a close match 11 - 10 in the final end against rink #7 skipped by Ash Thorndike with Achilles, Ringland and K. Stevenson.

The match between rinks 4 and 6 on Thursday night January 26th has been postponed by mutual consent.

In Tuesday night, January 31st, matches #5 - Stevens skip, Kemp, Samuel and Jones took another one from the "old man" Hastings, skip, Nash, Waldie and McCormack (rink 8) by a 12 - 6 score. That rink number (8), Bill May's nemesis, seems to have the same effect on Addie and his boys.

Rink 6 - Eddison skip, Stewart, Edens and K. Stevensen made a great comeback to defeat #2 - Upjohn skip, Warner, L. Hockmeyer and Colgan by an 11 - 8 score.

Rink 4 - V. Hockmeyer skip, Sutphen, Marshall and Thayer had a neat win from rink #7 - Achilles skip, Wall, Robinson and Lagercrantz by 10 - 7. Vic continues his winning ways except for a slight interruption at Winchester in the finals (see below).

Thursday night's match, February 2 - a battle of substitutes - between Rink 1 - Wood skip, Robinson, Lanigan and Shaw and Rink 3 - Sheets skip, Nolan, Nash and Hastings wound up in a cloud of smoke and flying stone chips in an extra end. After the debris was cleared away Rink 1 was the winner 11 - 10 after scoring a 5 & 2 in the last two ends and taking the extra end by 1.

Present standings in the Windeler are:

Rink 4 (V. Hockmeyer)	2 - 0
Rink 6 (Sothern)	2 - 0
Rink 1 (May)	2 - 1
Rink 3 (Weston)	2 - 1
Rink 5 (Shaw)	2 - 1
Rink 2 (Upjohn)	1 - 2
Rink 7 (Thorndike)	0 - 3
Rink 8 (Hastings)	0 - 3

TOURS AND BONSPIELS

Ardsley sent a rink to the Winchester Bonspiel January 26/29 and they almost but not quite came home with some loot. Vic Hockmeyer skip, with Bill Wood, Charlie Nash and Larry Achilles ran into a buzz saw in their first match against Sherbrooke, Quebec losing 14 - 4. Going into the second competition, however, things were different. In the first match against Schenectady (Darling, skip) we came from behind to tie 6 - 6 in the ninth end scoring one in the tenth to take the match 7 - 6.

The second match against Nashua 3 (H. Cornis skip) was a real thriller and won't be forgotten for a long time. Going into the last end down 8 - 4 we scored a six after two great take out shots by skip Vic to win the match 10 - 8 and we were in the finals for the Mystic Trophy.

In the finals Sunday afternoon Fredricton, N.B. won the Winchester Bowl defeating Lachine, Quebec. The Carlton Club from St. John, N.B. won the third event - the Winchester Shield - new this year - winning over Nashua 2 while we lost in the Mystic to Winchester 5 (H. Eteson, skip) in a very close match 13 - 12. After the jubilation of Saturday's six end we had one tied on us in the third end in the finals due to over sweeping Vic's fine last shot -- took it right through the house.

It was a fine bonspiel, very well run by excellent hosts. Here's to better luck next year.

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The rink of May, Thorndike, Sothorn and Griggs which attended the Quebec International Bonspiel, a one week affair held as part of the Quebec Winter Carnival, brought home the Kitimat Trophy - a handsome medallion.

Although one member of the rink described it (a new trophy this year) as "the runner-up consolation prize of the sixth consolation" it is nevertheless the only time an Ardsley rink has come home from Quebec with anything more than club buttons exchanged and our curlers were pleased with the presentation which was accompanied by a gracious speech.

In attaining the Kitimat four matches were decided by one stone. Every rink curled against during the week was a Canadian rink except one. (Detroit won the final game from our rink 10 - 4)

The Ardsley rink curled at six different clubs and never twice on the same sheet of ice. Their button collection was so large they took the train home due to the excess weight charge of flying.

Hal Southern was taken into the Pea Soup Section of the Jacques Cartier Curling Club, of which the other three were already members. We understand that the initiation ceremonies are a hush-hush affair - something like Skull and Bones at Yale, but with a decidedly French flavor. Ooh-la-la Harold!

The clubs encountered by the May rink on their march to the Kitimat (Thorndike skipped one match on sheet #8, Bill May's unlucky number) were Cambrai, Quebec, Jacques Cartier, Sudbury, Winter, Victoria, Edmundston, Outremont, Echemin, Fredericton, Ottawa and Detroit. Quite a schedule for six days!

Congratulations boys on bringing home at least the rind of the bacon!

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The annual Ardsley Cup Matches between Ardsley and St. Andrews will be played on February 22nd. Nine rinks from each club will play. If any active curlers cannot play please let Curling Chairman Albie Shaw know promptly as it will aid him in making up the rinks.

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There is now a further supply of Ardsley buttons available from the desk at St. Andrews.

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The annual St. Andrews - Ardsley competition for the Ardsley Cup will be played on Wednesday, February 22nd, with nine (9) rinks from each club. Winner of the Cup will be the club scoring most total points with the winner's button going to the rink having the greatest plus score on the winning side.

Skips, rinks and playing times are as follows:

ARDSLEY CUP COMPETITION

9:45 Matches

#1

Fiske, Skip
Conley
Hockmeyer, L.
Lagercrantz
Shaw

#2

Stevens, Skip
Bibby
Edens
Kemp

#3

Wood, Skip
Bickford
Nolan
Upjohn

12:15 Matches

#4

Thorndike, Skip
Achilles
Kimball
Koehl
Wall

#5

Weston, Skip
Colgan
Leuck
McAfee
Robinson

#6

Hockmeyer, Skip
Stewart
Stevenson, K.
Thayer

2:45 Matches

#7

Hastings, Skip
Lanigan
Ringland
Reed
Warner

#8

May, Skip
Gray
Samuel
Sothorn
Stevenson, D.

#9

Eddison, Skip
Marshall
Riggio
Sheets
Waldie

NOTE: Will skips please pick and notify their rinks, then notify Shaw (Irvington 9 - 1681) who is omitted, so that other skips who are short of men can find out who are available. If any skips trade starting times, please notify Shaw of such changes.

Buffet luncheon will be served at St. Andrews.

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WILDS COMPETITION

All matches have been played with the exception of one postponed between Ardsley 2 (Sutphen and Eddison, co-skips) and Mahopac 2. Since the result of this match has a real bearing on the final standings it should be played as soon as possible. (Skips note!!!)

Final standings in the Wilds except for the above match are:

Ardsley 3 (Fiske & Thorndike)	8 - 3
Ardsley 2 (Sutphen & Eddison)	7 - 3
St. Andrews 1	7 - 4
St. Andrews 4	7 - 4
St. Andrews 2	6 - 5
St. Andrews 3	6 - 5
Ardsley 1 (Hastings & May)	5 - 6
Mahopac 1	5 - 6
Mahopac 2	4 - 6
Caledonia 1	4 - 7
Caledonia 2	3 - 8
Ardsley 4 (Weston & V. Hockmeyer)	3 - 8

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WINDELLER COMPETITION

Matches played on Monday night this week resulted in wins for rinks 3 - 5 - 8 over 6 - 7 - 4 respectively.

Rink 3 - Weston skip, Sheets, Lueck and Nolan had a good win over Rink 6 - Sothern skip, Edens, K. Stevenson and Bibby by a 10 - 5 score.

Rink 5 - Stevens skip, Lagercrantz, May and L. Hockmeyer won a well played match 13 - 10 from Rink 7 - Thorndike skip, Achilles, Ringland and D. Stevenson.

Rink 8 - Hastings skip, Gray, Nash and Waldie finally came through with their first win in an extra end 11 - 10 over Rink 4 - V. Hockmeyer skip, Bickford, Marshall and Thayer. Rob Waldie played an outstanding game at lead for Addie while the last four shots were just about perfect draws to the button with Hastings being the last one on with the winner.

Present standings in the Windeler are:

Rink 5 - Shaw	4 - 1
Rink 1 - May	3 - 1
Rink 4 - V. Hockmeyer	3 - 1
Rink 3 - Weston	3 - 2
Rink 6 - Sothern	2 - 2
Rink 2 - Upjohn	1 - 3
Rink 7 - Thorndike	1 - 4
Rink 8 - Hastings	1 - 4

Rinks 4 and 6 have a postponed match to play and Rinks 1 and 2 play this Thursday night.

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JUG OGDEN JUG

Ardsley only played three matches this past weekend winning all.

Ardsley 3 - Samuel skip, L. Hockmeyer, Bickford and Thorndike won over St. Andrews 1 (Davis) by 13 - 6.

Ardsley 1 - Jack (the Giant Killer) Gray skipping with Thayer, Wood and Sheets took St. Andrews 2 (Gouldthorpe) by a neat 14 - 6 score.

Ardsley 2 - Marshall skip, McAfee, Weston and Colgan won handily over Mahopac 1 (Creasery) by 18 - 5.

Nice work boys. Current standings in the Ogden are:

Ardsley 3 (L. Hockmeyer & Samuel)	5 - 0
St. Andrews 2	4 - 1
Ardsley 2 (Marshall & Griggs)	3 - 2
St. Andrews 3	3 - 2

Ardsley 1 (Gray & Lueck)	2 - 3
St. Andrews 1	2 - 3
Caledonia 2	2 - 3
Mahopac 1	2 - 3
Mahopac 2	2 - 3
Caledonia 1	0 - 5

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The following rink will represent Ardsley at Brookline in the Stockton - Clyde Park Bonspiel, February 24/26. Hastings skip, Stevens, Nash and L. Hockmeyer.

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The Lake Placid - Sno-Birds Bonspiel, March 16/18 has been cancelled.

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SCHENECTADY BONSPIEL

Ad Hastings' Ardsley #1 rink with Cuyler Stevens, Art Kemp and Bob Edens brought home some of the bacon in the form of the Mohawk Medal after some fine play. Paired against the powerful Utica #1 rink skipped by Roy Read, Ad and his boys stepped right up and took them Friday A.M. in a hot match 14 - 13. In the second round something happened and Ardsley lost to St. Andrews #1 - Linc Siebert by an 18 - 1 score which dropped them to the Mohawk Medal.

Hastings' Hatchet men then took Nashua 13 - 12 on Saturday afternoon, Utica #1 again (the luck of the draw) on Sunday morning 14 - 5 to make the Mohawk finals on Sunday afternoon when they met Caledonia #2 and won rather easily 19 - 12 in thirteen ends plus two stones.

All very well played matches except the second one, but let's not talk about that.

Charlie Nash skipping Ardsley #2 with Larry Achilles, Roger Lueck and Eric Lagercrantz met the strong Schenectady #2 rink in the first round of the Gordon and had

things pretty much their own way until the eleventh end when the roof fell in with a six end to tie the score at 13 all and a narrowly missed last stone shot lost the match 14 - 13, dropping them to the Emmet medal play.

Farmington was beaten 13 - 6 in the first round and Ty Halsted, skipping the Mahopac rink read the Sunday morning curling lesson to the tune of 16 - 4 and your co-sec and his boys were finished.

Utica #2 - Fred Parkinson skip won the Gordon metal with a reported easy win over Schenectady #1 - Ted Lydgate. Mahopac - Ty Halsted won the Emmet Medal defeating Caledonia #1 - Frank Baker and Ardsley #1 - Ad Hastings took the Mohawk Medal by a win over Caledonia #2 - Rene Clark.

Four Westchester rinks in the finals - pretty good eh!

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The publishers' of this paper are forced to admit that they were made the victims of a hoax in last week's edition.

It now develops that the "Kitimat Trophy" which May, Thorndike, Sothern and Griggs brought home from Quebec was an aluminum medallion presented to each of them as a consolation prize not by the Bonspiel Committee but by Paul La Framboise, the Quebec representative of Ward Van Alstyne's and Charlie Nash's Aluminum Company of Canada, Limited. It was struck off from the first production of their Kitimat plant in August '54 and our boys couldn't resist the temptation to have a little fun with it. They now sheepishly confess to winning their first two matches and losing the next six. The scores were as follows:

Ardsley 12	-	Quebec 11
Ardsley 12	-	Sudbury 8
Ardsley 7	-	Victoria 13 (tied through the 8th when Victoria scored a 6 end)
Ardsley 6	-	Edmunston 14 (Thorndike skip)
Ardsley 6	-	Outremont 7
Ardsley 8	-	Fredericton 9
Ardsley 8	-	Ottawa 9
Ardsley 4	-	Detroit 10

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I am sorry to report that your other co-sec - Mait Griggs - is laid up in Phelps Memorial Hospital, North Tarrytown and will be out of action for the rest of the season. We will all join in sending best wishes to you Mait for a speedy and complete recovery.

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February 29, 1956

As this is written the official season is just about finished - one Windeler match to be played on March 1 and Gordon International Matches in Utica this weekend with the Dykes at Winchester the following weekend.

WINDELER COMPETITION

Thursday night, February 16th, Rink 1 - May skip, Wood, Robinson and McCormack won over Rink 2 - Upjohn skip, L. Hockmeyer, Colgan and Edens by 13 - 3.

The February 21 matches resulted in wins for Rinks 4 - 6 - 8 over Rinks 1 - 2 - 7.

Number 8 - Hastings skip, Waldie, Reed and Stevens won by 2 points over number 1 - May skip, Wood, Robinson and Lanigan 11 - 9.

Rink 4 - V. Hockmeyer skip, Marshall, Bickford and Sheets also won by 2 points over Rink 2 - Upjohn skip, Fiske, L. Hockmeyer and Colgan, the score being 9 - 7.

Number 6 - Sothern skip, Stewart, K. Stevenson and Bibby won a close one 14 - 13 over Number 7 - Thorndike skip, Achilles, Samuel and Lueck.

Thursday night, February 23, Rink 3 - Weston skip, Koehl, Wood and Nolan won over Rink 5 - Stevens skip, Kemp, Lagercrantz and Colgan by 11 - 9.

On February 28, Rink 5 - Stevens skip, Kemp, Lagercrantz and Samuel took an 11 - 4 game from Rink 4 - Sutphen skip, Bickford, Wall and Nash.

Rink 2 - Upjohn skip, Fiske, L. Hockmeyer and Colgan apparently had an easy time with Rink 3 - Sheets skip, Reed, Lueck and Conley winning 16 - 4.

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Number 1 - May skip, Wood, Robinson and Lanigan took the measure of Number 6 - Sothern skip, Stewart, Edens and K. Stevenson by a 14 - 10 count.

Windeler standings to date are:

Rink 1 - May	5 - 2
Rink 5 - Shaw	5 - 2
Rink 4 - V. Hockmeyer	4 - 2
Rink 3 - Weston	4 - 3
Rink 6 - Sothern	3 - 3
Rink 8 - Hastings	2 - 4
Rink 7 - Thorndike	1 - 5

Rinks 4 and 6 have a postponed match which should be played promptly as it may affect final standings resulting in a three way play off.

Rinks 7 and 8 play their last match March 1st for "you know what"!

ARDSLEY CUP MATCHES

This annual competition between Ardsley and St. Andrews was played on February 22 with Ardsley winning six (6), losing two (2) and one tie, to win the Cup by a total score of 99 - 81.

Rinks and scores were:

Fiske skip, Shaw, Lagercrantz and Conley won 14 - 5 and won the Ardsley Cup pin.

Wood skip, Upjohn, Bickford and Nolan won 10 - 8.

Stevens skip, Kemp, Edens and Bibby won 13 - 6.

V. Hockmeyer skip, Stewart, K. Stevenson and Colgan won 14 - 9.

Thorndike skip, Achilles, Wall and Koehl lost 10 - 12.

Weston skip, Robinson, Koehl and McAfee won 6 - 5.

Hastings skip, Werner, Ringland and Lanigan won 14 - 11.

Eddison skip, Sheets, Marshall and Waldie tied 10 - 10.

May skip, Sothern, Samuel and D. Stevenson lost 8 - 15.

JUG OGDEN JUG

This competition has been completed with St. Andrews #3 the winner.

The final two weeks results are:

Ardsley 1 - Lueck skip, Edens, Lagercrantz and Nolan won over Mahopac 2 by 11 - 5.

Ardsley 2 - Marshall skip, Lanigan, Bibby and Hastings lost to Caledonia 2 by
8 - 9.

Ardsley 3 - L. Hockmeyer skip, Bickford, D. Stevenson and Edens lost to St. Andrews
2 by 12 - 6.

Ardsley 1 - Lueck skip, Reed, Lagercrantz and Waldie lost to Mahopac 1 by 14 - 2.

Ardsley 2 - Marshall skip, Colgan, K. Stevenson and Bibby won over Mahopac 2 by
8 - 7.

Ardsley 3 - L. Hockmeyer skip, Bickford, McCormack and Nash lost to St. Andrews 3
by 11 - 9.

Ardsley 3 - Samuel skip, Wall, Bickford and D. Stevenson won over Ardsley 2 - Marshall
skip, Lanigan, Colgan and K. Stevenson by 14 - 2.

Ardsley 1 - Lueck skip, Nolan, Wood and Koehl won over Caledonia 2 by 11 - 7.

Ardsley 3 - Samuel skip, Wall, Bickford and Kimball lost to Mahopac 1 by 13 - 2.

Ardsley 2 - Marshall skip, McAfee, Bibby and Conley lost to St. Andrews 3 by 10 - 5.

Ardsley 1 - Lueck skip, Reed, Lagercrantz and Waldie won over St. Andrews 1 by 10 - 2.

Final standings in the Ogden are:

St. Andrews 3	7--2
Ardsley 3	6--3
St. Andrews 2	6--3
Ardsley 1	5--4
Caledonia 2	5--4
Mahopac 1	5- 4

Ardsley 2	4--5
St. Andrews 1	4--5
Mahopac 2	2--7
Caledonia 1	1--8

KIMBALL MATCH

An Ardsley rink of May skip, Wood, Stevens and V. Hockmeyer lost a challenge match to a St. Andrews rink skipped by Russell on February 17th by a score of 10 - 3.

BONSPIELS

Ardsley was represented at the Nashua Bonspiel February 16/19 by Thorndike skip, Fiske, Shaw and Koehl who lost their first round match to Granby, Quebec in a close one 12 - 10.

In the consolation round they first beat Utica in an extra end 10 - 9 after being behind 6 - 0 -- real competitors eh? In the semi-finals Braeburn was beaten 13 - 8.

In the finals for the Patterson Memorial Trophy against Nashua #1 the score was tied at 3 all when Nashua broke loose with two 4 ends and by that time there were not enough ends left for our boys to catch up - the final score being 12 - 8. Better luck next time lads!

At the Stockton Bonspiel in Brookline February 24/26 Ardsley was represented by Hastings skip, Stevens, L. Hockmeyer and Nash. In the first round of the Stockton they met the Winchester entry and after tying the score in the 10th end unfortunately lost the next two ends and the match 12 - 9. Incidentally, Winchester went to the finals where they lost to TCC #1 by 11 - 9.

In the Clyde Park Cup Consolation round they first met St. Andrews #1 (McCullough) and won 13 - 7 putting them in the semi-finals as a result of a bye. Next they met a strong Detroit rink who had lost their first round match 10 - 9 and had been creaming opponents since by scores of 20 - 5 and 18 - 4 and we were next on the list losing 11 - 4, dropping the first six ends to be down 8 - 0 before scoring. Detroit then gave Utica a

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lesson in the finals winning 16 - 4. This was your co-sec's first visit to the Stockton and it certainly measures up to all that has been said about it.

At the Gordon International in Utica March 2/3 Ardsley will be represented by Hastings skip, Wells, Wall and Achilles.

Ardsley has been invited to send two rinks to the Dykes at Winchester March 10/11 and rinks will be announced shortly.

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The closing dinner will be held at the Ardsley Country Club, Tuesday night March 13. Brud Bickford will be in charge of arrangements. Please return the enclosed card to Brud promptly indicating your intention (or otherwise) about attending.

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President Thorndike announces that Russ Weston (Chairman), Ralph Sheets and Charlie Stewart have been appointed as nominating committee to propose officers for next year. Voting will be held at the March 13th dinner.

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There will be free ice at St. Andrews on Tuesday night March 6. Will Windeler skips who have postponed matches (#4 - V. Hochmeyer and #6 - Sothern) please try to play off their match then. Also, #1 - May and #5 - Shaw should try to play off their first place tie at the same time.

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I am pleased to report that your co-sec Mait Griggs is making a fine recovery from his recent illness and is now at home where I am sure he will be glad to see any of you who can drop in at a reasonable hour and say hello.

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April 25, 1956

This is a late last gasp from your expiring - we mean retiring - co-secretaries, thanks to the kindness of another ex-sec -- Ralph Sheets -- who was good enough to make some notes for us at the closing dinner March 13, at which twenty-nine members were present.

Founder and charter member Bill Kimball was a welcome guest and gave an interesting talk on the history of the Windeler Cup for which there was a three way tie this year between the May, Shaw and V. Hockmeyer rinks. Shaw won the bye in a coin toss whereupon May took over V. Hockmeyer and rink by a score of 18 - 6. In the match for the silverware May, ably aided and abetted by Wood, Robinson and Lanigan won over Shaw with Stevens, Lagercrantz and Kemp by a 9 - 6 score.

Addie Hastings won the "fur lined" but no one will admit to having been on his rink!!

Ardsley rinks were entered in just about every Grand National Bonspiel that was held, and while giving good account of themselves not many trophies were brought home. Hastings, Fiske, Upjohn and Sheets won the District Medal and Hastings, Stevens, Kemp and Edens won the Mohawk Medal at Schenectady -- that's all, but every bonspieler had a great time.

Fiske, Thorndike, Bickford, Griggs, Jones, Marshall, Nolan, Riggio, Robinson, Sothorn, Sheets and Warner (some rink) won the Wilds Competition.

In the Jug Ogden Competition the best we could do was second place won by L. Hockmeyer, Samuel, Bickford, Kimball, McCormack, Riggio, D. Stevenson and Wall.

Below are the Club officers and committees for the 1956 - 57 season:

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Vice Pres. - B. R. Wood
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President Thorndike draws attention to the two new committees - 25th Anniversary and Long-Range Planning -- with the following comment:

"You will also see listed two new committees, 25th Anniversary and Long-Range Planning. My thought was that these two committees should function actively during the off-curling season and submit their reports to the membership at the first meeting next fall.

"The 25th Anniversary Committee should suggest ways and means by which our 25th year of curling can be properly celebrated either by a special mid-winter dinner or in conjunction with the Cuthbertson bonspiel. Consideration should also be given to suitable anniversary buttons and a booklet giving past history, events won etc. It was not my thought that this committee should 'carry the ball' the entire way but that probably, after the first Fall Meeting, sub-committees would be formed to handle dinner, entertainment, publicity and other arrangements.

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"The Long-Range Planning Committee might be considered more permanent in effect depending upon the immediacy with which action must be taken. Then we would need sub-committees on building, finance, special membership drives, etc. Meanwhile, this committee's recommendations as to possible building sites, approximate costs, ways and means of financing should be prepared by next fall."

And so ends another season for the "roarin' game" -- it's been fun with good ice, good curling, good fellows and a grand game. Don't forget the Iceless Bonspiel at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, September 28, 29, 30 with Farmington Curling Club as host on their 50th Anniversary.

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