



MEMORANDUM TO THE CURLING COMMITTEE -

Mr. Richard C. Wells
Mr. Langdon Hockmeyer
Mr. Duncan D. Sutphen, Jr.
Mr. Harold A. Sothorn

October 30, 1957.

The Curling Season is scheduled to start officially the last week in November, and the Curling Committee is confronted with the task of composing rinks for the Blanton and the Wilds competition so that Bob Edens, our Secretary, can include them in his next issue of Duck Soup.

Inasmuch as I will be out of town the last two weeks in November, I think the Curling Committee should meet soon, and I would like to suggest Wednesday, November 6, at my apartment in Hudson House. If this evening is impossible for you, please give me a ring and we will try to set it so that all members of the Curling Committee can be present.

In composing rinks of as close a balance as possible, I think the first step would be to rank each of the members. I am enclosing a list of the active members for the 1957-1958 Season (including Stewart Pesbody, who was elected to membership at the meeting Monday). Prior to the meeting of the Curling Committee, I hope you will take time to rate each of the members on this list on the basis of 25 points for top curling ability, scaled down to as low as you like for the tyros. Be sure and bring your ratings to the meeting.

If Wednesday, November 6 is an impossible evening for you, will you please telephone me at Rector 2-1900 and let me know what dates would be acceptable so that we can get the whole Committee together.

Ralph
R. C. SHEETS

Enclosure.
RCS:CB.

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

ACTIVE MEMBERS 1957-1958 Season

18 Laurence Achilles

37 D. L. Bibby

41 A. C. Bickford

45 Chas. Colgan

46 Paul Conley

8 W. Barton Eddison

14 Robert Edens

6 Edwin W. Fiske, Jr.

39 John D. Gray

31 L. W. Graaskamp

28 Maitland L. Griggs

1 A. B. Hastings

17 Langdon Hockmeyer

3 Victor F. Hockmeyer

43 John Jones

12 Arthur J. Kemp

36 Nelson W. Kimball

26 Albert E. Koehl

35 Eric Lagercrantz

42 John B. Lanigan

22 Roger H. Lueck

21 Robert F. Marshall

7 William B. May

29 Horace McAfee

22 Ralph L. McAfee

33 B. H. McCormick

17 Charles R. Nash

40 William Nolan

10 Stewart Peabody

27 Robert L. Reed

16 Joseph P. Ringland

13 Guy Robinson

20 Robert Samuels

13 Albert Shaw

4 Ralph C. Sheets

9 Harold A. Sothern

11 Cuyler Stevens

34 Kennedy Stevenson

28 S. D. Stevenson

23 Chas. T. Stewart

13 Duncan D. Sutphen, Jr.

30 Douglas H. Thayer

2 Ashley Thorndike

15 Charles T. Upjohn

44 Robert G. Waldie

25 Charles A. Wall

24 Robert F. Warner

NK Richard C. Wells

5 B. R. Wood

25 1 A 2 H 2 100 W
23 2 AT
21 3 V H 2 100 W
20 4 BRW, FWF, WRM
18 5 WBE, 4S, GR, CS, DDS
16 6 AK, AS, RE, CU
15 7 JPR, LA, CRN
13 8 LH, PS, RM, RL, CS, RFW, C211
11 9 AK, RR, MG, HM, OT, LW4
10 10 RM, BM, EL
8 11 KS, DB, DS
5 12 JG, WN, AB, JL
2 13 JS, RGW, CC, PE

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

Minutes of meeting of Monday, October 28, 1957

The first meeting of the 1957 - 58 season was held at the home of Maitland Griggs.

The minutes of the last meeting (March 19, 1957) were approved, and Bill Wood, President, reviewed the official business that had taken place since then:

- 1) A Deed of Gift for the Cuthbertson Plaque was signed over to the Grand National Curling Club, making our Cuthbertson Bonspiel a "bona fide" Grand National event.
- 2) At a meeting of the Grand National, September 27, 28 & 29, at the Otesaga Hotel, Cooperstown, New York, the Hartford Curling Club announced its resignation.

At this same meeting, we requested a later date for the Cuthbertson Bonspiel. The present official Cuthbertson date is January 30, 31, February 1 & 2.

In addition, there were discussions concerning the scheduling and location of play-downs for the U.S. Curling Championship which will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this season.

A new Grand National Annual will be published this year, and all curlers are asked to check the old Annual for errors.

The secretaries of all curling clubs were asked to send R. W. Keyes, Grand National Secretary, 100 copies of their active membership lists.

The 1957 - 58 Iceless Bonspiel, held concurrently with the Grand National Meeting at Cooperstown, was an outstanding success. Ardsley was host club, and 85 to 90 curlers and their wives were present for the good golf, companionship and cheer (supplied by Ardsley).

- 3) At a meeting of the Westchester Curling Association, St. Andrews presented an increase in ice rental rates, due to increased costs, etc. Plans for the Cuthbertson Bonspiel were discussed, and Bill Wood will appoint a committee to meet with Mahopac and Caledonia committees to make final arrangements for the Bonspiel.

Since this is Ardsley's 25th Anniversary, it was suggested that Ardsley give a party for all visiting curlers. Bill Wood will appoint a committee to make arrangements for this get-together.

*Follow
Grand Nat*

Maitland Griggs made the Treasurer's Report, and proposed that the new annual tariff per member total \$79.00 -- broken down as follows:

\$7.50	Dues
\$1.50	Subscription to Curling News
<u>\$70.00</u>	Ice Rental
\$79.00	Total

This motion was seconded, and carried unanimously.

Mait proposed that we charge our members \$2.50 each for the Ardsley 25th Anniversary Pin. This was approved.

Dick Wells brought up the question of membership approval before any goodly amounts of money are spent. It was agreed that in all future activities involving the expenditure of large sums, an estimated cost will be submitted to the membership, before the money is spent. *

47 of last year's 48 active members have asked to curl again this year. Russ Weston requested an Associate Membership, leaving one vacancy.

L. W. Graaskamp, Associate Member, applied for active membership. His name was proposed, seconded, and passed unanimously.

It was moved that Stuart Peabody, a former member, be made our 49th member, with the provision that with the next resignation the total active membership drop back to the standard "48".

This motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

Ralph Sheets, Chairman of the Curling Committee, gave a report on the ice schedules for this season. Sunday, November 24th we will have one sheet of ice to open the Blanchard Competition, and will swing into our regular Tuesday and Thursday night pattern thereafter.

Bill Wood commented on the increased interest in curling at St. Andrews, and continuing "squeeze" being placed on the three rings of ice. He suggested that we take a more aggressive interest in future plans for our own rink, and will appoint a committee to follow through. *

It was proposed that no business be conducted at our social dinners, except the final dinner when officers for the coming season are elected. This motion was seconded, and approved unanimously.

The next curling dinner will be Wednesday, November 20th.

The meeting was closed at 9:55 P.M.

*Associates
not attending*

MEETING - MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1957

Things that have taken place since last meeting:

1. Signed Deed of Gift - Cuthbertson plaque, etc. to Grand National making our Bonspiel legal and a Grand National event.
2. Meeting of Grand National at Cooperstown - Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 27, 28 and 29 at the Otesaga Hotel, Cooperstown.
 - A. We were hosts - wonderful party approximately 85 to 90. Cocktail Party - cost. *7 uske Pins*
 - B. Resignation of Hartford Curling Club.
 - C. We requested a later date for our Bonspiel.
 - D. Discussion regarding National Championship.
 1. Joining U. S. Curling Association - Mid-west and Grand National.
 2. Play-down split upper New York and lower - play-down this year St. A. will alternate northern and southern.
 3. National will be held in Milwaukee. Marshall Field will not underwrite all expenses. Will contribute \$16,000. covering trophies, arena, ice - curlers will pay own expenses and have to sell tickets - have feeling this will fall through.
 - E. Publish new Annual - check for errors.
 - F. Secretary send Bob Keyes copy of membership.
3. Meeting of Westchester Curling Association. *Date*
 - A. N. Y. Caledonia request for additional sheet of ice.
 - B. Mahopac ditto.
 - C. St. Andrews - new rates. *later*
 - D. Cuthbertson Bonspiel.
 1. 25th Anniversary - Cocktails, Dinner - Thursday?
 2. Set up Committees to tie in with other Clubs.

4. Increase dues \$79.00 - Entrance fee \$100.00

M.

A. Building fund - St. Andrews increase in membership.

B. Cuthbertson Bonspiel - Fisk pins \$2.50 (Assessment)

C. We have a Committee which will take care of our Thursday night dinner

5. Membership - no applications.

A. Weston out - Graas in.

G.

Cohen

B. How about Aldrich and Seibert?

Stew

6. No business will be conducted at our social dinners except the final where we will have election of officers.

7. Should we hold dinner first night of Curling or week before?

8. Check Ash Thorndike on booklet on Club's history and ask Bob Edens to correct mailing list.

Joe

Larry
Larry
Wend
Mait
Resh

300
40
260
90
150

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



November 15, 1957

AWAY WE GO!

Mait Griggs donated space, and Bill Wood refreshment, as the curling season got officially underway last Monday night, October 28th.

Bill brought us up to date on the hundred-and-one odds and ends of official business that has taken place since last season.

Among the most important things covered were:

1. The Iceless Bonspiel This year's event was an outstanding success. 85 to 90 curlers and their wives gathered, golfed, guzzled and glowed as Ardsley took over as host for this year's event at Cooperstown, New York. Hats off to Al Koehl for a wonderful job! (Al, by the way, was so excited about the whole weekend, he tangled bumpers with 12 cars on the parkway coming back, and initiated his brand new car to the perils of the Bonspieling.)
2. At a meeting of the Westchester Curling Association, St. Andrews asked for an increase in their ice rental rates. No change in the charge for the cheer but the price of ice must go up due to increased costs.

Mait Griggs has translated this increase into dollars and cents per curler -- and it is relatively painless. Our new tariff will total \$79.00 a member, broken down as follows:

\$7.50	Dues
1.50	Subscription to Curling News
<u>70.00</u>	Ice Rental
\$79.00	Total

Mait promises to have official notice of the bad news in your hands shortly.

3. Eddie Fiske and his 25th Anniversary Committee have designed, and produced a striking Ardsley 25th Anniversary pin. It's a knock-out, and Eddie deserves congratulations for a great job! The price for this 'limited edition' will be \$2.50, at the desk at St. Andrews.

RUSS WESTON GOES "ON ICE"

Forty-seven of last year's forty-eight active curlers will be on the ice again this year. Russ Weston begged off, and asked to become an associate member, thus leaving one vacancy on the rolls.

Grassy Graaskamp and Stuart Peabody were unanimously re-elected active members, bringing this year's list of curlers to 49. With the next resignation, however, we will drop back to the standard "48".

VENI, VIDI, VICI

Ad Hastings, Albie Shaw, Eric Lagercrantz and Kenny Stevenson came, saw and conquered the Swiss Curlers last week in an exhibition match at Utica. The score was 13 - 3 in 8 ends, the largest margin of victory of any American rink.

Two interesting sidelights: The Swiss 'Skip' curled from the No. 1 position. And his wife (a very fine curler!) was his No. 3 "man". Any questions?

LAST CALL FOR DINNER!

Our first Curling Dinner will take place next Wednesday night, November 20th, starting at 7:00 P.M. When you get home Wednesday, just don your jacket and come on over to the Ardsley Club for the food and frolic. The rinks, rules and schedules for the Wilds and the Blanton competitions will be passed out at the dinner.

See you Wednesday,

Bob Edens

THE WILDS MEDAL

Rules Governing Play in the Inter-Club Matches - 1957-1958

1. Matches shall be played according to schedule, except that if in the opinion of the Committee justifiable circumstances necessitate a postponement, the Match shall be played as soon as possible.

2. The Sponsor Club identification of the Rinks entered in this competition, together with the names of the Skips, and all members assigned to the various Rinks, shall be filed with the St. Andrew's Curling Committee.

3. Changes in the designated team positions are permissible.

4. Not more than TWO substitutes are permitted in any one match. If only one substitute is used, that substitute must play LEAD. If two substitutes are used, they must play LEAD and NUMBER TWO respectively.

5. Rinks will be penalized ONE point and ONE end if not on the ice and ready to play within 10 minutes of the time scheduled. An additional point and end will be added to the penalty for each succeeding 5 minutes tardiness.

NOTE: This penalty is imposed by the Curling Committee and MAY NOT BE WAIVED by mutual consent of the Skips.)

6. The Rink winning the greatest number of Matches will receive SIX WILDS Medals. In the event of a tie between two or more Rinks, the Curling Committee shall decide the details of the "Play-off".

7. Each Match to consist of 10 ends.

THE CURLING COMMITTEE.

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<u>WILDS RINKS</u>			
<i>W1</i>		<i>W2</i>	
Co-Skips:	HASTINGS and STEVENS	WELLS and WOOD	
	Eddison Kemp	Griggs Robinson <i>Wells</i>	
	Achilles Reed	Sutphen Peabody	
	Bickford Samuels	Stewart Nolan	
	H. McAfee Thayer	<i>Wells</i> Wall McCormick <i>Wells</i>	
	Lanigan Stevenson	Warner Jones	
<i>W3</i>		<i>W4</i>	
Co-Skips:	THORNDIKE and HOCKMEYER	FISKE and MAY	
	Edens Colgan	Bibby L. Hockmeyer	
	Graaskamp Conley	Leuck Lagererantz	
	Gray Koehl	Marshall Upjohn	
	K. Stevens Kimball	R. McAfee Waldie	
	Shaw Nash	Ringland	
	Sothorn	Sheets	

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SCHEDULE OF MATCHES
for
WILDS MEDAL

Saint Andrews: 4 Rinks
N.Y. Caledonia: 2 Rinks

Ardsley: 4 Rinks
Mahopac: 2 Rinks

(Sheet)	9:45 a.m.			12:15 p.m.			2:45 p.m.		
	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
NOV. Sat. 30					A3-C1	A2-A4		A1-M1	
DEC. Sun. 1	A1-C1		A2-C2	A4-M2		A3-M1			
Sat. 7	S3-A3	S4-A4		S1-A1	S2-A2				
Sun. 8		S1-A2	S4-A3			A1-M2			A4-C1
Sat. 14	S3-A1			S1-A3			A4-M1		A2-M2
Sun. 15	A2-C1	A1-C2		S2-A3	S1-A4				
Sat. 21								A2-A3	A1-A4
Sun. 22				S4-A2		A1-A3	A4-C2		
Sat. 28			S2-A1	S3-A4		A3-C2			A2-M1
Sun. 29	A3-M2	S4-A1			S2-A4		S3-A2		
JAN. Sat. 4			District	Medal	Matches				
Sun. 5			"	"	"				

In addition to the Matches scheduled above, Ardsley #1 vs. Ardsley #2 will be played at 8 p.m. Thursday, December 26 on Sheet #2, and Ardsley #3 vs. Ardsley #4 will be played at 8 p.m. Thursday, January 2 on Sheet #1.

BLANTON RINKS

	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"B"</u>	<u>"C"</u>	<u>"D"</u>
Skips:	SHEETS ✓	SHAW ✓	UPJOHN	KEMP ✓
	Gray ✓	Bibby ✓	Eddison ✓	Edens ✓
	L. Hockmeyer ✓	Nolan ✓	Kimball ✓	V. Hockmeyer ✓
	Lanagan ✓	Reed ✓	Leuck ✓	Jones ✓
	Peabody ✓	Robinson ✓	May ✓	Koehl ✓
	Wood	Nolan Stevens	Thayer	K. Stevenson
	<u>"E"</u>	<u>"F"</u>	<u>"G"</u>	<u>"H"</u>
Skips:	NASH ✓	RINGLAND ✓	ACHILLES ✓	STEWART
	Fiske ✓	Colgan ✓	Griggs ✓	Bickford ✓
	R. McAfee ✓	Graaskamp ✓	Marshall ✓	Conley ✓
	Sothorn ✓	Lageranta	Waldie	Hastings ✓
	D. Stevenson	Sutphen	Warner	H. Mc Afee
	Wall	Thorndike	Wells	McCormick
				Samuels ✓

Blanton schedule is on the reverse side of this page.

The four first round winners in this competition will curl for the Gold Medal. The four losers will curl for the Silver Medal. After the first round matches, competition between the Gold Medal Group and the Silver Medal Group will be Round-Robin. In case of ties, winners will be determined on basis of total stones scored in the three Gold or Silver Matches.

The following WILDS Skips are not permitted to Skip in the Blanton:

FISKE	MAY	WELLS
HASTINGS	STEVENS	WOOD
HOCKMEYER, V.	THORNDIKE	

Substitutes from other rinks: Penalty - one stone.

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

Curling with only 3 men on the Rink: Penalty - one stone.

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

With only 3 men on a rink, Lead and No. 2 each curl 3 stones per end.

November, 1957.

(Over)

BLANTON SCHEDULE

The first Blanton match (between A and B rinks) is to be played Sunday, November 24, 1957 at 12:15 p.m. on Ice #2. The remaining three matches in the opening round of this competition will be played Tuesday, November 26. Winners of this first round will compete for the Gold Medal, losers for the Silver Medal.

1st Round

Sun. Nov. 24.	A vs. B	Winner becomes #1 - Loser, #5	
Tues. Nov. 26	C vs. D	Winner becomes #2 - Loser, #6	
	E vs. F	" #3	" #7
	G vs. H	" #4	" #8
Tues. Dec. 3	#3 vs. #4	#5 vs. #6	#1 vs. #2
Thurs. Dec. 5	#7 vs. #8		
Tues. Dec. 10	#8 vs. #6	#3 vs. #1	#7 vs. #5
Thurs. " 12	#4 vs. #2		
Tues. Dec. 17	#4 vs. #1	#5 vs. #8	#3 vs. #2
Thurs. " 19	#6 vs. #7		

The Skip assumes full responsibility for getting his rink on the ice at the appointed hour, and should make special effort to see that each member of his rink has an equal opportunity to curl in this competition.



THE SAINT ANDREW'S GOLF CLUB
HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON
NEW YORK

November 22, 1957

Mr. John Henderson, III,
35 Buena Vista Drive
Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Dear Jack:

I understand the Clubs composing the Westchester Curling Association have been advised by Mr. Cleary, the Manager of St. Andrew's, that the Board of Governors of The Saint Andrew's Golf Club authorized a surcharge of 15% of all house purchases by curlers who are not members or wives of members of St. Andrew's using the Club bar and restaurant facilities. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that no such 15% surcharge was ever authorized by our Board of Governors.

The idea of a 15% surcharge originated with an ex-chairman of the House Committee who - needless to say - is not a curler. It was never approved by the Board and it is extremely unfortunate that our Manager was under the impression that it had been approved.

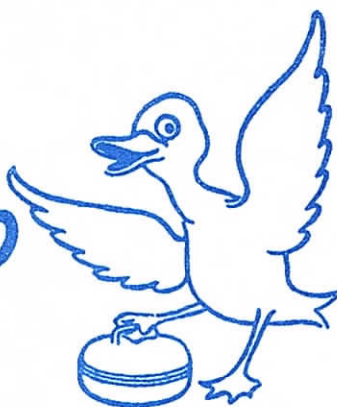
In the absence of our Curling Chairman, at the Board Meeting last night I proposed that the 15% surcharge idea be promptly thrown in the ash can and my proposal was unanimously adopted. I also proposed that at no time should St. Andrew's make a higher charge to W. C. A. curling members or clubs for restaurant and bar charges than it makes to its own members. This idea was unanimously adopted by the Board.

Good Curling!

Linc. Seibert,
Secretary.

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



December 2, 1957

OFF AND RUNNING

Some surprisingly good and unsurprisingly rusty curling greeted the ice last week as Ardsley Curlers completed the qualifying round of the Blanton competition.

Testifying to the sound job of handicapping done by Ralph Sheets and the Curling Committee, every match went right down to the wire. Two stones, the largest margin of victory. One match went overtime into the 11th end.

The results:

Samuel, L. Hockmeyer, Wood and GRAY took Edens, Stewart, Bibby and NOLAN on Saturday, 8 to 6.

Tuesday night, Waldie, Griggs, Wells, and ACHILLES defeated Samuel, Bickford, Hastings, and STEWART 9 to 7.

Jones, Edens, Koehl, and KEMP gave Stevens, Thayer, Kimball, and EDDISON a 5-stone lead, and then came from behind to win a squeaker 10 to 9 thanks to the trusty right arms of Art Kemp and Al Koehl.

In the nightcap, Colgan, H. McAfee, Thorndike, and RINGLAND picked up two big ones in the 11th end to break an 11 - 11 tie, and defeat Graaskamp, D. Stevenson, R. McAfee, and WALL 13 to 11.

The rinks for the Gold Medal are now:

	<u>#1</u>	<u>#2</u>	<u>#3</u>	<u>#4</u>
Skips:	SHEETS	KEMP	RINGLAND	STEWART
	Gray	Edens	Colgan	Bickford
	L.Hockmeyer	V.Hockmeyer	Graaskamp	Conley
	Lanagan	Jones	H.McAfee	Hastings
	Peabody	Koehl	Sutphen	McCormick
	Wood	K.Stevenson	Thorndike	Samuels

For the Silver Medal:

	<u>#5</u>	<u>#6</u>	<u>#7</u>	<u>#8</u>
Skips:	SHAW	UPJOHN	NASH	ACHILLES
	Bibby	Eddison	Fiske	Griggs
	Nolan	Kimball	R.McAfee	Marshall
	Reed	Leuck	Sothorn	Waldie
	Robinson	May	D.Stevenson	Warner
	Stevens	Thayer	Wall	Wells

BAD NEWS!

We are all sorry to hear that doctor's orders force Eric Lagercrantz to the sidelines. Eric will be an Associate Member this season.

This brings our Active membership to the prescribed 48 as outlined by the last meeting, and thus there is no opening for new members.

WILDS AND WOOLEY

Over the weekend of November 30th and December 1st, Ardsley rinks took it slightly on the chin as they came up with 5 losses and 3 wins in the Wilds competition. Here are the details:

A-2 beats A-4

McCormack, Wall, Robinson, and WELLS swamped L.Hockmeyer, Marshall, Ringland and MAY -- 18 to 2.

C-1 edges A-3

Kimball, Gray, Shaw, and THORNDIKE lost a close one to Caledonia #1 -- 8 to 7.

A-1 over M-1

D.Stevenson, Lanigan, Kemp, and HASTINGS took Mahopac #1 to camp by the score of 9 to 4.

C-1 tops A-1

Samuel, Reed, Stevens, and HASTINGS lost a tight one to Caledonia #1. 7 to 6 was the score.

C-2 takes A-2

In another heartbreaker, Nolan, Stewart, Sutphen, and WOOD lost to Caledonia #2 -- 10 to 9.

M-2 outcurls A-4

Mahopac #2 topped R.McAfee, Lueck, May and FISKE -- 11 to 3.

A-3 over M-1

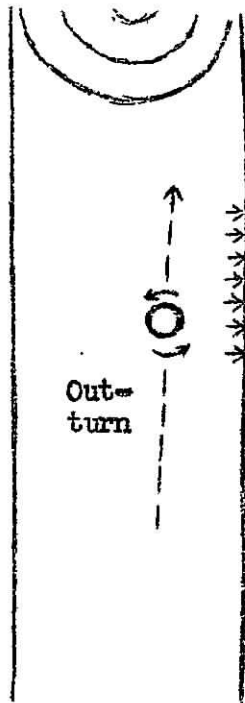
Ardsley #3 rebounded to take Mahopac #1 by the score of 11 to 6. Conley, Nash, Southern, and THORNDIKE turned the trick.

CLOSER TIES FOR ALL CURLERS

In case you haven't gotten your official Ardsley Curling Club tie, it's waiting for you at the desk at St. Andrews. Get as many as you want. The tab is \$2.50 each, and well worth it. Ask the curler who owns one.

SWEEPING PROPOSAL

Every now and then comes a situation on the ice that causes considerable controversy. Whenever these arise, Duck Soup will publish them in the public interest, and solicit solutions. Case in point:



Let's say Cuyler Stevens, Skip, has just delivered his last stone. It's an out-turn draw, and the weight is good.

But...there is a big slope on the right-hand side of the ice. And as the stone approaches the house, it falls off to the right, against the turn.

Art Kemp, #3 in the house, quickly calls on the sweepers to bend their brooms. Cuyler, at the other end, immediately calls them off.

Now the question is, which call is right. To sweep or not to sweep -- when a stone is falling off against its turn.

Art says, "By sweeping, the flight of the stone is speeded up. And the faster a stone is traveling forward, the less opportunity it has to bend -- either way."

Cuyler says, "No! The slower a stone travels, the more it curls. True, the stone is falling off against its spin. But as it slows down approaching the house, its spin has more of a chance to work. Sweeping only makes it fall off more, because you are speeding up the flight and not giving the curl a chance."

The sweepers said nothing -- printable.

WHO'S GOT THE ANSWER?

For the best solution to this problem, Duck Soup will award a brand new "25th Anniversary" pin absolutely free. The winning answer will be reprinted in a forthcoming issue.

Send as many answers as you like, in as many words as you like. Neatness counts.

Good curling,

Bob Edens

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



Friday, December 6th, 1957.

BONSPIEL TIME!

Now is the time to start planning your Bonspiels. Enclosed is a complete Schedule of Grand National events and dates. Look it over, and make your choices. The enclosed postcard is for your convenience in listing your first 4 selections. (Please number them in order of preference.)

The card is already addressed to Ralph Sheets. Just sign your name and drop it in the mail.

DEADLINE: THURSDAY

It's important for Ralph to get your 4 choices as soon as possible so the Curling Committee can plan the rinks. Please try to have the postcard in the mail by next Thursday.

NASH, NOLAN, RINGLAND, AND SHEETS WIN

The Blanton got off to a flying start this week with some spectacular curling by all comers. Here are the details:

The "Gold" Scoreboard:

A-1	defeated	A-2	A-3	defeated	A-4
Wall		K. Stevenson	Graaskamp		Conley
Southern		Edens	H. McAfee		McCormack
Wood		V. Hockmeyer	Sutphen		Hastings
SHEETS		KEMP	RINGLAND		BICKFORD
9		8	16		5

The "Silver" Scoreboard:

A-5	defeated	A-6	A-7	defeated	A-8
Waldie		R. McAfee	Samuel		Edens
Reed		Thorndike	R. McAfee		Waldie
Stevens		May	Wall		Marshall
NOLAN		LUECK	NASH		ACHILLES
13		5	11		7

RUGGED TERMS

Duck Soup has just received a few new unforgiveable definitions of popular curling terms. We pass them on without further comment.

HOG LINE -- Waist measurement of unusually stout curler.

BIG END -- Same curler (seen from rear).

NARROW -- State of mind of skip who calls for 12 straight out-turns.

--- RED GIRCLE --- Rink of Bolshevik curlers. ---

HACK -- Unusually inept curler.

SHOT ROCK -- Stone coming to halt 6 feet short of hog line.

SHEET -- Idiomatic figure of speech used by sweepers as aforementioned stone stops dead.

SLOW ICE -- Common complaint of diamond wholesalers during off season (rarely used in curling).

BONSPIEL -- French-Canadian sweet talk.

REMINDER TO NAME DROPPERS

Before you mail the postcard with your Bonspiel selections, take a last look and see if your name is on it.

Good curling,

Bob Edens

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



Thursday December 12, 1957

CALL OF THE WILDS

Ardsley rinks came roaring back from a weak start to post 6 wins and 2 losses last Saturday and Sunday in the Wilds. There were exciting moments galore as two of the matches had to go eleven ends before a winner was established.

MAY DAY

One of these 11-enders was sweet indeed as Bill May tied up his match with a big 10th end, and went on to win 9 - 8 in the 11th over the previously unbeaten Caledonia #1 powerhouse.

Another match set the high scoring record for the '57-'58 season when St. Andrews #1 beat Dick Wells' A-2 rink 15 - 13.

Here's the run down on all the weekend's Wilds matches:

A-3 defeated S-3

Colgan	Cooper
Edens	McCormick
Southern	Chattin
V. HOCKMEYER	REID
9	7

A-4 defeated S-4

Waldie	Gale
Lueck	Smith
Sheets	Dudley
MAY	ARDNT
11	6

A-1 defeated S-1

Bickford	McCourtney
H. McAfee	Clifford
Eddison	Haight
STEVENS	GOULDTHORPE
10	9

A-2 defeated S-2

Jones	Keenan
Nolan	Ada
Sutphen	Fry
WOOD	CARL
8	6

S-4 defeated A-3

Hawkins	K. Stevenson
Smith	Gray
Dudley	Thorndike
ARDNT	V. HOCKMEYER
13 (11 ends)	12

S-1 defeated A-2

Clifford	Griggs
Hauss	Wall
Gouldthorpe	Robinson
SIEBERT	WELLS
15	13

A-1 defeated M-2

Samuel	Higgins
Reed	Stock
Kemp	Wotfrel
STEVENS	HALSTED
10	6

A-4 defeated C-1

R. McAfee	Russel
Ringland	Slaybough
Sheets	Blanchard
MAY	BAKER
9 (11 ends)	8

"SORRY, I CAN'T MAKE IT"

Last Thursday's Blanton competition was slightly disrupted by a local charity drive. But Ardsley curling managed to survive in spite of all obstacles as one match was played with only 3 curlers on each side, and substitutes from all over ruled the roost.

ACHILLES' ZEAL

The most ingenious rink of the evening was formed by Larry Achilles, who called on a couple of his Connecticut neighbors for help after every Ardsley curler had turned him down. His rink was composed of 2 Ardsley curlers, a former Schenectady curler, and a former Canadian curler.

TWO DAYS LATER

The most exciting Blanton match of the week took place Thursday night, when Art Kemp's A-2 rink met Chuck Stewart's A-4.

No. 3 - SHEET!

The ice was the tricky number #3 sheet with its famous fall-offs and ridges. Going into the 9th end, Art was 5 stones down. But a big 4-end put A-2 back in the ball game. This was followed by one more stone in the 10th to tie it up, and send the match into overtime.

In the 11th, going away from the glass, Art sent his last rock (an out-turn) through a narrow port on the left hand side of the ice. It wicked off slightly behind a guard and left Chuck with an almost impossible in-turn take out. He missed by inches, and the match was over. 13-10 the final score.

22 SKIDOO -- OH YOU BRUD!

The outstanding curler of the evening was Brud Bickford on the losing rink. Brud put down 22 absolutely perfect stones. He never apologized once!

Here are the official box scores for this week's Blanton matches:

A-1 defeated A-3

Lanigan	Edens
Gray	Samuel
Wood	Thorndike
SHEETS	COLGAN
11	5

A-5 defeated A-7

Nolan	K. Stevenson
Robinson	Bickford
SHAW	NASH
22	3

A-8 defeated A-6

Green	Jones
Burkett	Kimball
Griggs	May
ACHILLES	EDDISON
10	9

A-2 defeated A-4

Jones	McCormack
Edens	Bickford
V. Hockmeyer	Hastings
KEMP	STEWART
13	10

THE POWER OF WORDS

How many times have you ever thought to yourself, "I wish I had said that." Duck Soup ran across something the other day we believe any curler would like to have said -- if he had the skill or the inclination. It's by Stuart Peabody, an Ardsley curler from way back, who has rejoined us on the ice this year -- and it captures the spirit of curling like nothing else we've ever seen.

It's called, THE CURLER SPEAKS:

Oh, the squash men thrill
To the lightning kill
Or the shot that dies by the wall;
And the ski-er yearns
For telemark turns
And for slaloms with never a fall.

The crash of the pins
And the strike that wins
To the bowler are sweeter than honey;
And the hockey fan dreams
Of the gallery's screams
And the puck in the cage for money.

There's the smack of a drive
And the sloop that's alive
And hands on a hunter's withers;
In-sporting lore
There are thrills by the score, --
But they all seem tame to "The Brithers".

Give me the drone
Of a running stone,
"On the broom" and curling free;
Or a shot laid hard
To take out a guard
Or a draw through a port to the tee.

And "SWEEP!" from the lip
Of a salty skip
Or "Don't be narrow or light --"
Just let her bend
And we'll take the end;
Now SWEEP! you can make her bite."

The potent kick
Of a chap or a wick
Must be felt to be understood;
Or a stone well laid
And a shot that's played
So it comes to rest where it should.

Be a slave to your sports
That are played in courts
Or on alleys or fields, say I.
You'll be paroled
When you get too old
But I'll curl till the day I die.

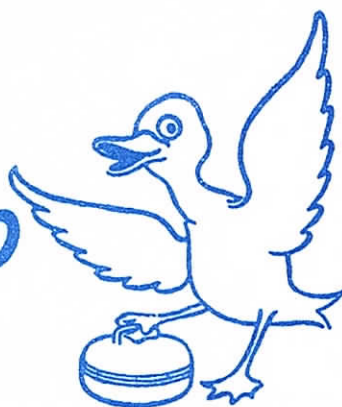
And as springtime looms
And we stack the brooms
And lift the stones to the rack;
I'll sigh for the time
When the ice is prime
And my toe's once more at the hack.

Good curling,

Bob Edens

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A HOUSE DIVIDED

Ardsley rinks battled .500 last Saturday and Sunday in the Wilds Competition, taking four out of eight matches. Each of the Ardsley rinks came up with an even split over the week end--winning and losing one apiece.

Siebert and Gouldthorpe were the chief trouble-makers--their St. Andrews #1 rink accounting for half of Ardsley's losses.

Next week, Duck Soup will give you a complete rundown on the standings of all the rinks in the Wilds. Meanwhile, here are the curlers who made history last week:

A-1 defeated S-3

Lanigan	Orr
Achilles	Davis
Stevens	Chattin
HASTINGS	W. REID
12	3

S-1 defeated A-3

Nauss	Conley
Clifford	Shaw
Gouldthorpe	Thorndike
SEIBERT	V. HOCKMEYER
15	5

A-2 defeated M-2

Nolan	Lake
McCormack	Higgins
Wall	Wotzol
ROBINSON	HALSTEAD
9	8

A-4 defeated M-1

Graaskamp	Cleaves
Marshall	Walton
Ringland	Caputo
FISKE	MacFARLANE
8	7

C-1 defeated A-2

Slaybough	Nolan
Blanchard	Wall
Morrissy	Stewart
BAKER	SUTPHEN
14	6

C-2 defeated A-1

Bronner	Thayer
Thomas	Kemp
Henderson	Hastings
KUYK	STEVENS
14	6

WILDS (Continued)

<u>A-3</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>S-2</u>	<u>S-1</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>A-4</u>
Edens		Keenan	Bartlett		L. Hockmeyer
Southern		Miller	Haight		Lueck
V. Hockmeyer		Moore	Seibert		Sheets
THORNDIKE		FRY	GOULDTHORPE		MAY
12		9	7		5

SHEETS, SHAW, RINGLAND, AND SOUTHERN WIN BLANTON MATCHES
In Blanton competition, Ralph Sheets' red hot A-1 rink kept its winning streak alive by knocking off Chuck Stewart and the A-4 boys in an exciting match that kept everyone up a little later than usual. Here are the rinks and scores for all four of this week's Blanton matches:

<u>A-1</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>A-4</u>	<u>A-3</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>A-2</u>
Thayer		Lueck	Graaskamp		
L. Hockmeyer		Samuel	Thorndike		Jones
Wood		Bickford	Sutphen		Koehl
SHEETS		STEWART	RINGLAND		EDENS
13		9	8		6

<u>A-5</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>A-8</u>	<u>A-6</u>	<u>defeated</u>	<u>A-7</u>
Bibby		Nash	V. Hockmeyer		D. Stevenson
Robinson		Warner	L. Hockmeyer		R. McAfee
Stevens		Marshall	May		Wall
SHAW		ACHILLES	UPJOHN		SCUTHERN
11		4	14		8

ROGER LUECK COPS FIRST ANNUAL DUCK SOUP AWARD!

In a most erudite letter that filled the bulk of three pages with formulas, diagrams, and profound scientific analysis, Roger Lueck won the first and only contest he has ever entered. Roger's entry was the unanimous choice of the judging committee, and Rog will be awarded a brand new Ardsley "25th" Anniversary Pin at an early date.

Here are several quotes from Roger's answer to the problem, "To sweep or not to sweep" when a stone is falling off against its turn:

"In pursuing its course down the ice, a stone is under the influence of three force vectors. These are the weight vector "w" (this represents the forward motion), the precession vector "p" (representing

the effect of the turn), and the gravity vector "g" (representing the effect of a lateral slope in the ice). The "p" and "g" vectors are at right angles to the "w" vector. The magnitudes of the lateral precession and gravity vectors are always small in relation to the weight vector. If the surface of the ice is at exactly 90° to a line drawn from the surface of the ice to the earth's center of gravity, the gravity vector becomes zero. This seldom occurs."

"...now if there is a lateral slope to the right in the ice and the stone is thrown down the center line with an in-turn, it will come to rest on the tee line at a distance from the house center greater than $x_2 + g$. Therefore, $(x_2 + g) - x_2 = g$."

"...a word about sweeping! Sweeping is a micrometer adjustment which the skip possesses to exercise a minor degree of control on the several vectors. Heavy sweeping decreases the ratio between the lateral vectors and the forward weight vector. No sweeping permits each vector to exercise its normal influence."

"If, by the method described above, the men had predetermined the gravity vector and its relation to the precession vector, the answers to your questions are at once apparent. If the gravity vector was greater than the precession vector, the thing to do was to maintain as low a ratio as possible between the lateral vectors and the w vector, in which case Art Kemp was right. On the other hand, if the g vector was even a trifle less than the p vector, then the thing to do was to maintain as high a ratio of these vectors to the weight vector as possible, in which case Cuyler was right. If the relationship between the g and p vectors was unknown at the time the stone was thrown, there is nothing to do but argue."

Duck Soup can't argue with you, Rog--you win, hands down!

RAH! RAH! RAH! HOCKMEYER!

For a good part of January and February, the present editorial staff will be out of town. During this period, Lang Hockmeyer

has "volunteered" to take over the editing and publishing of the world's smallest-circulation weekly, and straighten out the whole mess. Many thanks, Lang!

LAST CALL!

Ralph Sheets reports the books are about to be closed on the bonspiels. If you want to go, be sure to write, phone, or wire your preferences to Ralph immediately.

There are still a few choice spots open, and Ralph reports that we have been allowed an additional rink in the Grand National Championship Bonspiel in Schenectady, February 6, 7, 8, and 9.

So give Ralph a ring right away and join the happy throng who sweep, swig, sway, and swap stories with our curling friends to the North.

Merry Christmas,

Bob Edens

REPORT OF THE CURLING COMMITTEE

December 23, 1957.

The Curling Committee announces the following rinks in the District Tournament which will be played at St. Andrews on Saturday January 4, and Sunday January 5. The draw for the tournament has not yet been made but will be posted in the Clubhouse showing time of play and opponents. The Skip is free to vary the order of his rink as he sees fit.

Ardsley Number One

A. Hastings - Skip
E. Fiske
V. Hockmeyer
B. Wood

Ardsley Number Two

H. Wells - Skip
A. Thorndike
W. May
R. Sheets

The DOUGLAS GRIFFITH BONSPIEL will be played at St. Andrews on January 10 - 11 - 12. At the present time, Ardsley has been invited to enter one rink. The Curling Committee has designated this rink -

C. Stevens - Skip
A. Thorndike
D. Sutphen
A. Shaw

Should Ardsley be invited to enter a second rink, it will be as follows:

E. Fiske - Skip
V. Hockmeyer
G. Robinson
L. Hockmeyer

The rinks for the CUTHBERTSON BONSPIEL which will be held at St. Andrews January 30, 31, February 1 and 2, and for the NEW YORK STATE PLAYDOWNS also at St. Andrews February 15 and 16 will be announced later.

Entries for the out-of-town bonspiels are coming in good, but a lot of the cards are still missing. The Curling Committee could use more applications for the Gordon Emmett Bonspiel at Schenectady February 6 - 7 - 8 and 9. This competition is for the championship of the Grand National, and Ardsley is entitled to send two rinks.

The Elgin Bonspiel at Montreal, March 19 - 20 - 21 and 22 has drawn no applicants yet. This would be a grand way to finish up the season. Who wants to go?

THE CURLING COMMITTEE.

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