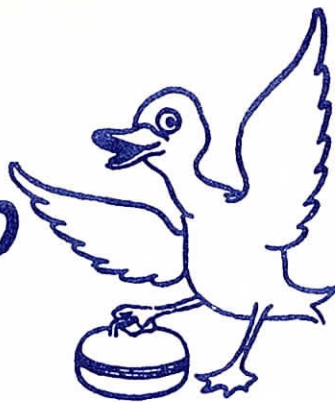


# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



1972-73 No. 8

January 11, 1973

## ARDSLEY RINKS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS IN ST. ANDREW'S "DOUGLAS" BONSPIEL

Excitement reigned as the Ardsley #2 rink skipped by Ed Sibert with Burns Patterson as No. 3, Bill Johnson No. 2 and Marshall Cook as lead was defeated by Winchester (Stan Neill) by a score of 15-8 in the finals for the "Douglas" medal. They attained this position by defeating Philadelphia (skipped by Tom Tellefsen) by 11-7, St. Andrew's #1 (skipped by Linc Seibert) by 9-8 and the Plainfield #1 rink (skipped by Bob Fuller) by 13-5.

Our Ardsley rink - the runners-up for the Douglas Medal - were awarded Linc Seibert medals by Linc himself.

The Ardsley #1 rink skipped by Ed Brandt with Don Wismer as No. 3, Ron Currie as No. 2 and Jim Christie as lead defeated The Country Club (skipped by Gibby King) 12-4, Wellesley (skipped by Henry Cragan) by 15-4, N.Y. Caledonian #1 (skipped by Joe Milano) by 5-4 (what a match!). In the semi-finals on Saturday evening they were defeated with the last rock in the 10th end thrown by Stan Neill, the skip of Winchester. The final score was 8-7.

For all who attended and participated in these matches we extend our sincere thanks to the St. Andrew's Curling Club for their sincere hospitality and excellent ice.

The second event for the Griffith Medal was played between St. Andrew's #2 (Don McKay) and N.Y. Caledonian #2 (Ken Cooper) with Cooper winning.

The Williamson Medal finals between Plainfield #2 (Lang Lynd) and Mahopac #1 (Ned Finegan) was won by Mahopac.

### THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL - A MUST FOR ALL ARDSLEY MEN CURLERS

The Headless Horseman Intra-club Bonspiel has been scheduled for Feb. 1-4, 1973. Curling will be on Thursday and Friday evenings and during the day on Saturday and Sunday. Also save Saturday evening Feb 3, 1973 for a cocktail party and dinner. This event is open to ALL Ardsley men curlers including men's and mixed. Your Curling Committee was forced to cancel the Ichabod Crane Intra-club Bonspiel scheduled earlier in the season due to lack of participation. A lot of planning and effort is required to assure the success of these events, so let's give them 100% support this time. Sign-up cards and complete details will be available soon. But, in the meantime, mark your calendar for these dates. You will be guaranteed a wonderful time.

### THE "GRAND MATCH"

You have probably noticed by now the interesting painting which hangs on the east wall of the warm room near the door leading to the ice. This magnificent work of art was presented to the Ardsley Curling Club by Mr. H. Lawrence Achilles, currently of Manchester, Vermont. Larry Achilles has been in the past, and continues to be, a generous benefactor of the Ardsley Curling Club as well as the Schenectady and Nutmeg Curling Clubs. He originally was a member of Schenectady and was substantially involved in building their new rink. After retirement, he moved to Darien, Conn. and curled for a number of years as a member of the Ardsley Curling Club. When the Nutmeg facility was built in Darien, he joined that club and helped in their program. When we built the Ardsley rink, he was also a significant supporter of our project.

The original painting was done in 1853 by C. Leis, Esq. It depicts the Grand Match of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. This event is held in Scotland between the highlanders and the lowlanders whenever there is ice of sufficient thickness to hold the thousands of curlers who gather for the event. In fact, no match has been held in the past 12 years. A close look at the painting will reveal minute detail in the faces of the participants and observers. These are actual miniature portraits of people who attended and were included as the result of an enumeration to the painter by each individual. The original of this painting is displayed at the curling club in Paris, France where a legend beside the painting lists the name of each person depicted.

We are deeply grateful to Larry Achilles for again thinking of Ardsley Curling Club and presenting us with such an appropriate and attractive addition to our warm room.

AND - ON THE OPPOSITE WALL - ADD HASTING'S MEDALS

A recent addition, also, to the decor of our warm room are two framed groups of club medals obtained by Add Hastings during his curling tours to many parts of the world. We are deeply grateful to Add's family for this gift. As you study these medals you realize what a great emissary of curling Add Hastings really was.

Joe Milano, President of the Grand National Curling Club of America, very recently stated "Swap curling club medals are the most expensive pieces of costume jewelry which a person can possess". These treasures represent so much more than their intrinsic value, chiefly, the invaluable memories to the person who collected them. We will long cherish this representative history of an important part of the life of Add Hastings.

ARDSLEY MIXED BONSPIEL DINNER

In connection with the Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel, the Ardsley Mixed Curlers will entertain the rinks curling in the Bonspiel at a dinner to be held on Friday evening, January 19th. All Ardsley mixed curlers are invited to attend whether or not they are curling in the Bonspiel. The details are as follows:

Date:: Friday, January 19th  
Time: Cocktails 6:30 P.M., Dinner 7:30 P.M.  
Place: Woodlands Lake Restaurant  
Saw Mill River Parkway  
Ardsley, New York  
Cost: \$7.50 per person for an excellent roast beef dinner. The cost includes everything except drinks which may be purchased at the bar.

We would like to have a good turnout for this gala affair. If you do plan to attend, however, please call Ed or Maggie Sibert (914-591-8791) so that they can furnish the restaurant with an estimate of the number of people to expect.

SECOND HALF MEN'S CURLING

The second half of the men's curling schedule begins on Tuesday, January 23rd, with the Windeler event. This year the Windeler will be a 10 team intra-club competition played on Tuesday and Wednesday nights and will involve the entire male membership.

The Jug Ogden, an inter-club weekend event for junior curlers, will begin on Saturday, January 27th. Ardsley will enter 4 teams in this 13 team event played on St. Andrew's and Ardsley ice.



The Ash Thorndike competition which Ardsley initiated last year will begin on Saturday, January 27th. Ardsley will host this event and have five teams entered against representatives from Mahopac, N.Y. Caledonian, St. Andrew's and Nutmeg.

The appointment of skips for these competitions will be announced shortly. In addition, rink assignments for all these events will be available through your skip or in the warm room.

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Regarding lockers in dressing room: If you have a locker and use it - be sure your name is on it (stickers are now on each locker). We will assume that no name means locker is available for use. If you have a key and don't use the locker, please give it to Ed Doonan.

Rugs and table covers in downstairs room were purchased and paid for by the "Mixed Curlers" as were the table pads and cloths in the warm room. Monies came from surplus money left over from various Funspiel suppers.

Those good-looking draperies camouflaging equipment and men's room are on loan from our one and only Joe Curi (with Evelyn's permission, we hope).

#### 1972 NEW YEAR'S EVE BONSPIEL

As curlers entered the warm room on New Year's Eve, they knew a party was in the making. Florence and Ralph Mattison, with able assistance from Larry Richardson, had huffed and puffed and balloons festooned the walls and drapes and gracefully danced from the ceiling. The table centerpieces of horns, hats, noise-makers and streamers remained intact until midnight - when everyone knew exactly what to do with them....and they did. The room rollicked.

Beginning at 8:00 P.M., we played three matches of two ends each, and the last curlers finished on the ice just minutes before the magic hour. The Hills and Zabriskies emerged as winners with the Curries and Caspers as runners-up. Dick Wells, our expert schedule organizer, awarded the prizes.

The midnight buffet was a hearty supper of Margaret Wiesenthal's Hungarian goulash and noodles, with a variety of salads and yummy desserts provided by our lady gourmet cooks. Since it was an exceptionally warm evening, we discovered the ice room served as a fine auxiliary refrigerator.



Lee Heffner and Dick Wells continued the contest instituted at last year's bonspiel of contributing cash awards to the man and lady curler who could draw closest to the button in two attempts. Since the men curled somewhat less than spectacularly, it was decided no man qualified for the award, but Mary Jean Keenan went home with all the money, five dollars of which was won from an impetuous male chauvanist who watched her stone travel down the ice and bet it would be too heavy.

The last hour of the evening proved who the real party people were - we didn't know we had so many swingers in the club, but the singing and dancing were most enthusiastic. When the balloon popping got under way, it was obvious that Tom Ewig deserved a prize for his originality. We finally closed the doors at about 3:15, but the happy memories linger on.

#### LADIES CURLING

The Wells-Wicks Competition, the Ladies' second event of the year, saw Mary Roesing's rink with Helen Ray, Jinny Hill and Carol Keenan victorious on Wednesdays with 3 wins and 1 loss; on Thursdays, Alice Nolan, skip, with Bobbie Patterson, Mary Ann Farrell and Fran Garred rolled to an undefeated 4-0 record. A play-off will be held to determine the final winner of the competition.

The Ladies' third event, the All-American, will begin this week. This is a 10-end competition and will require that all ladies be on the ice by 9:30 a.m.!

The Junior Skip Event is a popular contest evoking much enthusiasm. In the first of these Friday matches, Jinny Hill defeated Ginny Reynolds, Aldine Havens won over Vonda Ficalora and Bobbie Patterson defeated JoAnn Christie's rink skipped by Carol Keenan.

We all warmly welcome Marsha Kemp to the ranks of lady curlers. Good Curling, Marsha!

#### MIXED CURLING

Flash - Helen and Bill Ray with Marilyn & Hank Eager won the 2nd Event with four straight wins.

Our warmest and sincerest thanks go to Margaret Wiesenthal and Aldine and Bill Havens and their various committees for the arduous and strenuous job they did to make New Year's Eve Curling party the best ever. Margaret - please don't go away!

And repeat we must - Just found out that Jean MacIntosh was responsible for the great publicity in the Tarrytown paper (but not for the mistakes). The decorations and decorating done by Florence and Ralph Mattison was terrific.

Trust all mixed curlers have received the new schedules mailed Jan. 4, '73. Rink #11 is now Fisler-Mort. Additions to the substitutuion list: Larry Pike, Bob Gelston and Kenny Stevenson.

#### TEENAGE CURLING

On Friday, January 5th, the Ardsley Teenagers journeyed to Darien to participate in the Nutmeg Junior Bonspiel. The rink - Philip Stone, skip, Barbara Pike, Robert Frederick and Beth Frederick, won their first match against St. Andrew's I 9-5, lost their second match to Nutmeg I (this rink, skipped by Keith Day, went on to win the first event) 11-4, and won their third match AND the Third Event by defeating Nutmeg II 7-6.

We are all very proud of these youngsters who were so delighted to bring home a win to Ardsley!

#### STANDINGS AS OF JANUARY 7, 1973.

#### WILDS

Co-skips Warriner and Whitman of the Ardsley #4 rink are in a tie with Cooper of N.Y. Caledonian #1 rink for first place in the Wilds competition. Both rinks have a record of 11 wins and 3 losses.

<u>Rink</u>	<u>Skips</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
A4	Warriner-Whitman	11	3
C1	Cooper-Baker	11	3
A5	Currie-Nolan	10	4
S2	Dunn	9	4
A3	Sibert-Stewart	8	6
C3	R.C. Smith-Slaybaugh	8	6
A1	Fisler-Wells	7	7
A2	Brandt-Doonan	7	7
C2	Jasamine-Milano	7	7
S1	McKay	7	7
S3	Nauss	5	8
S4	Heidelberger	5	9
M2	Stock-Blakeney	5	9
M1	Finegan-Caputo	5	9
S5	Deegan	4	10
M3	Switzer-Stuart	2	12

BLANTON

There is a four-way tie for first place with Doonan (B3), Hill (B6), Fisler (B7) and Stewart (B9) all sharing the lead with records of 6 wins and 3 losses.

<u>Rink</u>	<u>Skips</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
B3	Doonan	6	3
B6	Hill	6	3
B7	Fisler	6	3
B9	Stewart	6	3
B2	MacKenzie	5	4
B5	Currie	5	4
B10	Wismer	4	5
B11	Christie	4	5
B1	Wright	3	6
B4	Nolan	3	6
B8	Warriner	3	6
B12	Shirk	3	6

COLGAN

C1	Galloway	5	2
C5	Havens	4	3
C3	Roesing	3	4
C2	Patterson	3	4
C4	Ray	3	5



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HORSEMAN BONSPIEL (SEE PAGE  
2 OF DUCK SOUP)

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ALL MEN CURLERS INVITED  
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COCKTAIL PARTY & DINNER  
—

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914-631-3172 (HOME)  
212-697-4400 (OFFICE)

# Duck Soup

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January 25, 1973

## CAN YOU SPARE A PINT

### FOR SOMEONE REALLY IN NEED?

As many of you know, Tony and Vonda Ficalora's son, Michael, has, for some time, been combatting hemophilia. He continuously requires blood transfusions to keep him alive. It has been suggested that there may be members of the Ardsley Curling Club who would be willing to donate a pint of their blood toward the very large deficit which the Ficaloras currently face. You may do this entirely on your own by donating at Phelps Memorial Hospital during the hours of 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday or until 8:30 P.M. on Tuesday and Friday. You may also donate at the Red Cross Headquarters, North Broadway in White Plains. A call to either location should be made for an appointment. When donating, please specify that your blood should be credited to hemophiliac Michael Ficalora.

Please give this your serious consideration - the need is desperate.

## GRANITE STATE ARE THE WINNERS OF THE ARDSLEY MIXED BONSPIEL

Tom Allen and his Granite State rink from Nashua, N.H. defeated Dick Osgood and his Winchester #2 contingent by a score of 10-7 on Sunday afternoon. Tom's newly formed rink consisting of his wife, Mary Jane, and Dick and Sue Wise won 4 out of 5 of their matches. Dick Osgood's rink consisted of his wife, Mary, and Bob and Grace Murray.

Two Ardsley rinks vied for first place in the second competition. Ed Brandt skipped the Ardsley #2 rink to victory with a tremendous assist from Barbara and Bob and Jinny Hill. Their 7 to 4 victory over Dick Wells was an exciting match to watch as Dick drove Jane and Bill and Alice Nolan to a maximum effort.

The final match in the third competition was also exciting as Bill Kelley of Saint Andrew's tried to recover a 2 stone deficit in the 10th end with a bullet promote on his last rock. It was successful but he also managed to move his number 2 rock into third position. Mike MacKenzie, the skip of Winchester #1, walked off the ice with a broad winner's smile. Curling with Mike were his wife, Flo, and Joe and Bunny Butler. Mary Jean Keenan joined the Saint Andrew's rink after Bill's wife, Betty, caught the flu. Art and Dianne Mojo were 2nd and lead.

Everyone was in high praise of the fantastic job done by Ed and Maggie Sibert and their committee in making the Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel such a success.

#### LAST CALL FOR THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL

Have you ever seen a Washington? No? Well, how about an Irving? Not one of those either, eh? Well we have eight of each and you could possibly win one - if you curl in our third annual men's intra-club fun spiel.

Remember all men curlers are invited - those who curl in the mixed as well as those who regularly curl with the men. Skill and experience are definitely not necessary. This is just for fun and as long as you know one end of a broom from the other you meet all the requirements.

There will be one round of matches Thursday night, another Friday night and then the rest will be played Saturday and Sunday. Every entrant will be assigned to a 4-man team by the committee. Skips will notify their teams as to times and dates.

And - DON'T FORGET - the highlight of the whole weekend - the cocktail party and dinner for all husbands and wives, whether in the bonspiel or not, at George Booth's Woodlands Lake Restaurant on the Saw Mill River Parkway (just north of Ardsley) at 7:30 P.M. on Saturday.

If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time. Pick up the telephone and call Andy Storer - RIGHT NOW - (Home) 914-631-3172 or (Office) 212-697-4400.



## SECOND HALF COMPETITION TO START JAN. 23RD

The second half competitions commence on January 23rd with the Windeler. This event will be played on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 8:00 P.M. The Jug Ogden and Thorndike competitions both get under way on Saturday, Jan. 27th.

This year all men curlers will compete in the Windeler as sufficient men curlers are not available to run the Hastings. The Jug Ogden is an inter-club competition with Ardsley, Mahopac, Caledonian and Saint Andrew's competing at both Saint Andrew's and Ardsley. The Thorndike is also an inter-club event but with all matches to be played at Ardsley. There will be 5 Ardsley, 1 Saint Andrew's, 2 N.Y. Caledonian, 1 Mahopac and one Nutmeg rinks competing for the beautiful new Thorndike medals.

Schedules and rink assignments for these competitions are posted on the bulletin board in the warm room.

### DANGER!

We have been requested by the Ardsley Country Club to make sure that the children of curlers do not make a toy of the tram. As you know, this vehicle, if improperly used, can be very dangerous. If you see any children playing on the tram, please ask them their names and report it to Joe Curi.

## NEW YORK STATE PLAYDOWN

On Saturday, January 27th, the New York State Championship will be determined at St. Andrew's Curling Club. Our defending Ardsley rink of Ed Brandt, Skip, Don Wismer, 3rd, Ron Currie, 2nd, and Jim Christie will again be trying for the title of "New York State Champions". This will be a round robin affair with each rink playing each of the other three contestants.

## KING OF THE HILL

This is to report that Dick Wells is King of the Hill, having beaten Ed Brandt 4 out of 5 matches. Dick wonders if there is another rink that dares challenge him.

## MIXED CURLING

We are delighted to welcome five new couples to Mixed Curling. Please make the following changes on your schedules: Rink #17 - Doonan-Gold, #19 - Self-Driscoll and #21 Ficalora-Caldera.

Substitutes for Mixed Curling:

Singles

F. Mattison  
C. Stedman  
Harold Haff  
Ken Stevenson  
Larry Pike

Couples

Semples  
- John Hewitt-Francis Garred  
Fredericks  
Bernhardts  
Stedmans

Due to the men changing their night curling to Tuesday and Wednesday - practice-instruction night will be on Thursdays at 8 P.M.

ROSTER ADDITIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Caldera (Yvette) (X)  
Ardsley Ave. East  
Irvington, N.Y. 10533 (914) 591-8894

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Driscoll (Margaret) (X)  
Field Terrace  
Irvington, N.Y. 10533 (914) 591-6197

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gold (Lynn) (X)  
2 East Way  
Hartsdale, N.Y. 10530 (914) 693-1001 (914) 693-1200

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Semple (Shirley) (X)  
111 Warren Road  
Park Ridge, N.J. 07656 (201) 391-5416 (212) 532-4666

Mr. Rocco S. Barrese (M) (914) 352-4471 (914) 693-1200  
12 Amherst Road Ext. 458  
Spring Valley, N.Y. 10977

NEWS FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY

We have just received word from an informer of ours in Toronto that a quartet of Ardsley curlers participated in the American-Canadian Bonspiel held at St. George's Curling Club.

The four - Bob Fisler, Skip, Joe Curi, three, Hans Daschil, two, and Bruce Crockett, lead - reportedly had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the fine hospitality.

Sixteen American teams competed against sixteen Canadian teams. Our representatives played teams from Cleveland, Rochester and two from St. George's.

Our informer, who chooses to remain anonymous, supplied abundant copy about the social side of the weekend (lots about a girlie show and bagpipes) but for some reason or other was reluctant to go into any great detail about the competition.

### THREE BROOMS COMPETITION

The second event of the round robin Three Brooms Competition was held at Nutmeg Curling Club, Darien, Conn. on Friday, Jan. 12th. Ardsley I, skipped by Ruth Mackenzie, Fran Currie, Mary Jean Keenan and Katzie Andrews tied in the 10th end and lost to Wicks I skipped by Jane Hackett 12-9 in the 11th end. Ardsley II, skipped by Alice Nolan, Barbara Brandt, Bobbie Patterson and Florence Mattison tied in the 9th end and lost to Nutmeg I skipped by Connie Marsh 9-8 in the 10th end. Nutmeg II skipped by Beth Delle Fontane won 17-0 against Wicks II skipped by Marie Jacobs.

In the afternoon, Ardsley I skipped by Ellen Boldt, Margaret Wiesenthal, Marsha Kemp and Carol Meszaros lost 7-4 to Wicks II skipped by Hope Lawrence. Ardsley II, skipped by Aldine Havens, Jinny Hill, Carol Keenan and Fran Garred lost 9-6 to Nutmeg II skipped by Del Banfield. Nutmeg I skipped by Ginny Fitz won 8-7 against Wicks I skipped by Marita Smith. The last of the Three Brooms Competition will be held at St. Andrew's on Friday, February 9th.

### GALLOWAY WINS THE COLGAN THE WILDS AND BLANTON BOTH END IN TIES

George Galloway's rink of Pete Murphy, Bud Rogan, Bill Versfelt and Andy Webster cinched a win of the Colgan with a 10-9 victory over Bill Havens in their last match. This leaves Bill and Burns Patterson tied for second with 4 wins each.

In the Wilds, Co-skips Whitman and Warriner are tied with N.Y. Caledonian #1 rink skipped by Cooper-Baker. Both ended the competition with records of 12 wins and 3 losses.

Also tied for the lead are Ed Doonan and Chuck Stewart for the Blanton championship. Watch for a notice on the bulletin board for an announcement of the playoffs. These should be exciting matches.

### WILDS FINAL STANDINGS

<u>Rink</u>	<u>Skips</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
A4	Warriner-Whitman	12	3
C1	Cooper-Baker	12	3
A5	Currie-Nolan	10	5
S2	Dunn	10	4
A3	Sibert-Stewart	9	6
C3	R.C. Smith-Slaybaugh	8	7
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BLANTON

B3	Doonan	8	3
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B2	MacKenzie	7	4
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B4	Nolan	4	7
B8	Warriner	4	7
B10	Wismer	4	7
B12	Shirk	4	7
B1	Wright	3	8

Sorry Walter!

Colgan

		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
C1	Galloway	6	2
C2	Patterson	4	4
C5	Havens	4	4
C3	Roelsing	3	5
C4	Ray	3	5

King of the Hill will be held on Thursday nights instead of Tuesday nights beginning this week.

# ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

## Comparison of Income and Expense - Cash Basis Years Ended July 31

	Actual 1971	Actual 1972 (1)	Proposed 1973	Billing vs. 1972	Increase (Decrease) vs. 1972
<u>Income</u>					
Dues	\$21,820	\$21,665	\$21,665	} 17,600	
Initiation fees	1,290	1,050	1,050		
Assessments	2,650				
Beverages - sales commission	2,803	4,187	4,187		4200 in the red.
Total	\$28,563	\$26,902	\$26,902		
<u>Expenses</u>					
Services	\$ 2,286	\$ 4,074	\$ 6,000		\$1,926
Supplies	920	988	1,000		12
Fuel	313	315	350		35
Electricity	3,785	3,504	3,500		(4)
Repairs	970	4,821	1,500		(3,321)
Telephone	80	120	120		
Stationery and Postage	620	581	650		69
Grand National dues	329	413	400		(13)
Interest on Notes	1,300	1,300	1,300		
Interest on Mortgage	2,315	1,681	1,600		(81)
Insurance	988	1,130	1,200		70
Bookkeeping	1,000	1,000	1,000		
Audit	175	175	175		
Trophies and prizes	886	751	750		(1)
Real Estate Taxes	3,708	3,943	4,400		457
Miscellaneous	-	25	-		(25)
Total	\$19,675	\$24,821	\$23,945		\$ (876)
Cash income from operations	\$ 8,888	\$ 2,081	\$ 2,957		\$ 876
Payment on mortgage principal	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,907	\$ 4,100		\$ 193

(1) 1972 figures are complete with respect to income; certain of the expense items include estimates with respect to bills not yet received.

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February 8, 1973

## THEY DID IT AGAIN!

### ARDSLEY RINK REPEATS AS N.Y. STATE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Ardsley Rink of Ed Brandt, Skip, Don Wismer, Vice-skip, Ron Currie, Second, and Jim Christie, Lead, who brought the title of New York State Champions to the Ardsley Curling Club for the second year in a row. Their next goal is the U.S. Men's Championship which they will compete for at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado, from March 5-10.

This year's New York State playoff was a round robin played at the St. Andrew's Curling Club on January 27 and 28. Our Ardsley rink defeated Buffalo 8-6, Schenectady 9-8 in eleven ends and St. Andrew's 10-4 in nine ends. The curling was highly competitive and the results reflect how well our rink performed.

The Ardsley rink this year is the same one who won last year's N.Y. Championship with the exception of Ron Currie who replaced Ed Sibert. Ed decided that the experience of sweeping 660 stones in five days is something which should be shared by someone else. Our rink would love to see some familiar faces in the gallery if anyone can spare a few days at the Broadmoor to add to their very personal cheering section. Good luck fellows - this year let's be No. 1.

## WE HAVE LOST A VERY DEAR FRIEND

It has been our great sorrow to learn of the sudden death of Helen Haff. Unknown to many of us is that Helen has been fighting a courageous battle against overwhelming odds during the past two years. The end came with extreme suddenness at her home on January 24th. All of us who knew Helen shall long remember her as a keen competitor, a staunch supporter of the Ardsley Curling Club and particularly for her friendliness to all. Harold, please accept our profound sympathy and know that our thoughts are with you in these trying times.



### WE HAVE A PROBLEM

An issue or two ago we spent quite a bit of our allotted editorial space discussing bonspiels and attempting to encourage more participation by members of our club. From now until March 31st there are five mixed bonspiels that no one has signed up to attend. In addition, the Crocketts are looking for someone to join them in Rochester on March 23-26. In case you haven't read the bulletin board recently, here are some wonderful weekends just waiting for you:

Feb. 15-18	Utica
March 1-4	Hershey and Wellersley
March 3-11	Norfolk and Buffalo
March 16-18	Albany

The future success of our Ardsley Bonspiels depends upon our also participating in theirs. You don't have to be experts - go for the fun, the good-natured competition and meet more of the nicest people in the world - curlers.

### THE LADIES JOURNEYED TO NORFOLK

Sirkka Whitman as Skip, Jane Wells, Vice-skip, Ellen Boldt and Ginny Reynolds had a wonderful time at Norfolk, Conn. on January 30 & 31. We don't have a report on their won and lost record for the three matches they curled, but at least they are all still smiling. First place went to Nutmeg I skipped by Connie March while the Norfolk II rink skiped by Dorothy Pilbin came in second.

### CHRISTIE WINS THE WASHINGTON

Our annual intra-club bonspiel was again, this year, a tremendous success. We aren't going into all the details because you will find a sheet at the end of Duck Soup showing just how the matches went. A few points do require publicizing. Notice the final Christie-Shirk score, and it only took them 2 hours and 50 minutes. Bob Hill repeated as winner of the Irving for the second year in a row. (Always a bridesmaid, never \_\_\_\_\_.) Joe Curi was awarded the "Best Actor" acclamation of all present for his brilliant performance every time Jim missed a shot or his sweepers were a bit lax. And, it may appear that Burns Patterson won the Katrina. He thought so until the prizes were awarded to Herb McIntosh and rink for having won one match and losing three. To Ed Brandt, George Shirk and all others who worked so hard to give us a wonderful weekend - thanks.

### ARDSLEY LADIES BONSPIEL

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! The Ardsley Ladies Bonspiel will go on the ice February 13-15. All Ardsley lady curlers (and men, too) are urged to support this event by coming to watch and cheer their favorite teams. There will be good curling and a chance to meet fellow curlers from other clubs. Anyone who can spare a few minutes to help Ellen Boldt, Bonspiel Chairman, make this an event to remember are urged to call her at 941-6735. The banquet for the bonspiel will be held at the Woodlands Restaurant on Wednesday, February 14th. Cocktails are from 6:30-7:30 and dinner at 7:30. The cost per curler will be \$7.80. You may call Sirkka Whitman (591-8643) for reservations or add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Ladies Bulletin Board. All lady curlers are cordially invited.

### DOONANS AND PATTERSONS WIN BRAE BURN MIXED BONSPIEL!

The Whitmans and Rays (1st years runners-up) also attended. Both Ardsley teams got off to fast starts winning their first games by wide margins. Although the Whitman rink faded, the Doonan team, led by Anita, fought a tough battle against Buffalo with Ed laying a cold draw for a 9-8 win. The third victory was against an experienced rink from The Country Club skipped by Dick Hollowell. In the finals on center ice our tired but eager team met a young determined group from Winchester. With the score tied at 7 going into the ninth end, Ardsley scored four. Due to several lapses in the tenth end, Winchester had four stones in the house until Ed managed to nestle his last rock in the middle. As many hearts skipped a beat, Joe Saylor sent his take-out toward the glass. Although it seemed to be on target, it slipped by. Hurray!

### EMPIRE STATE AT ST. ANDREW'S

The team of Fran Currie, Sirkka Whitman, Ellen Boldt and Betsy Fisler curled in the Empire State at St. Andrew's with the following results:

1st game	-	Winchester - Ardsley won 14-7
2nd game	-	Utica won 9-6
3rd game	-	Chicago won 10-8

### MIXED CURLING

The new schedule for the last event of the year will be mailed out in a few days.

The Nutmeg-Ardsley mixed "Friendly" will take place the weekend of March 3 & 4. Please sign up for it on the Bulletin Board.

#### ARDSLEY-ST. ANDREW'S MIXED FRIENDLY

Sunday evening, Feb. 5th, found Ardsley Mixed Curlers continuing their 5th year winning streak by beating St. Andrew's 67 points to 41 points. Ardsley retains the cuspidor which is displayed in the Trophy cabinet in the Warm Room. An enjoyable dinner at Rieber's was had by all when the curling was over.

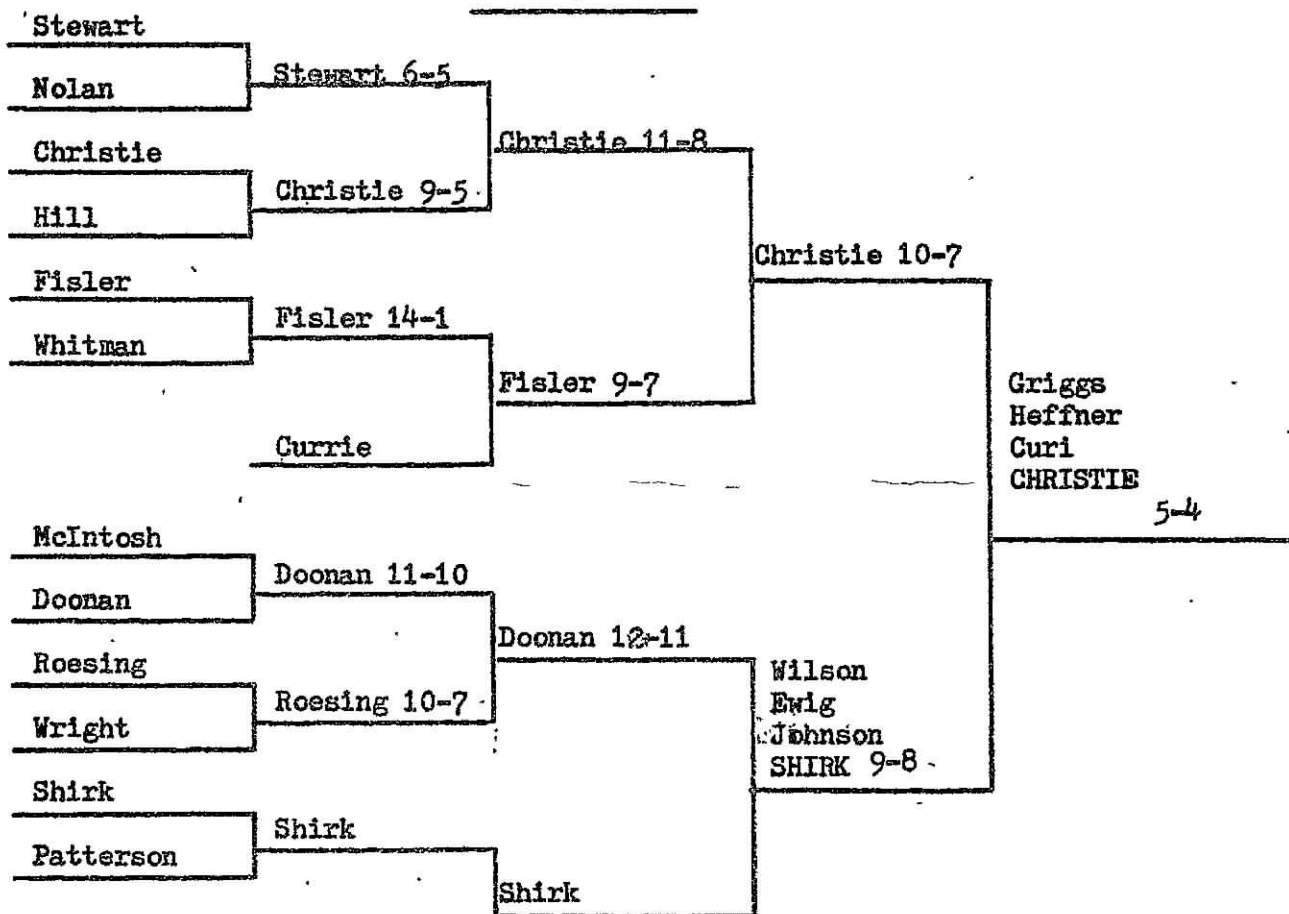
#### TEENAGE CURLING

The Ardsley Teenagers took their brooms to Nashua the weekend of January 26-28 for the sixth annual Nashua Teenage Bonspiel. The bonspiel was a 16-rink round robin and was scored on points. The Ardsley rink: Philip Stone, Skip; Barbara Pike, Three, Robert Frederick, Two; and Beth Frederick, Lead, defeated Winchester 16-0 in their first match, beat Nashua III 8-4 in their second contest and then lost to Utica 10-4 in their third. They amassed enough points to WIN the Third Event, the Woodman Medal, and will have their names and the name of their club engraved on the plaque which hangs in the Nashua trophy case. Congratulations to the kids who have brought home two wins in their two bonspiel outings!.

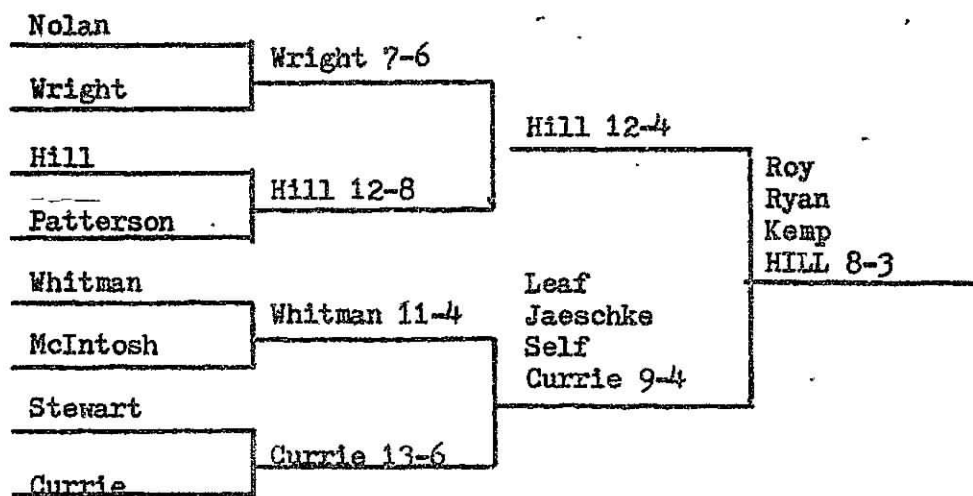
#### STANDINGS

I think most of you know the standings of our new competition. Most of them stand at 1 and 0 or 0 and 1 so until there are a few more matches to report we will let the prognosticators have their day.

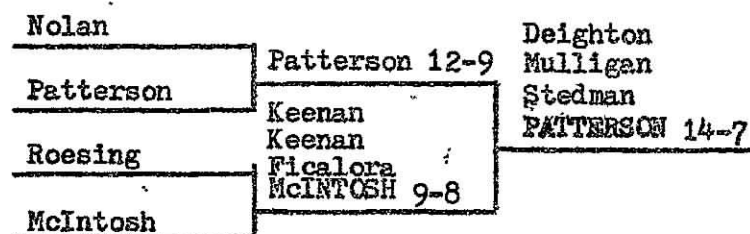
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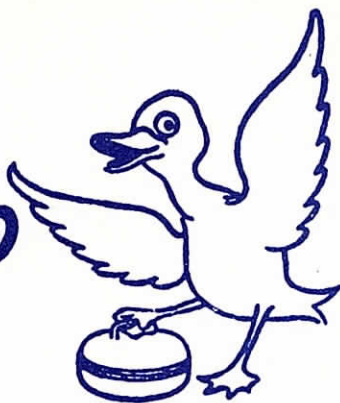
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# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



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## WE'RE BACK!

No - Duck Soup didn't suffer the same fate as "Life". But with the editorial staff Bonspielsing, the production department vacationing and the distribution unit in Aussieland we are one week late for our bi-weekly deadline. So, on with the news.

## STEWART TRIUMPHS IN THE BLANTON

On February 15th, Chuck Stewart (B9), Ed Doonan (B3) and their rinks met on Sheet 2 to determine who should be declared the 1972-73 winner of the Blanton. Chuckles, with Bob Whitman as 3, Murray Kemp 2 and Larry Pike as lead never relinquished the pressure over Big Ed. His rink of Bill Havens as 3, Joe Leuner 2, and Tom Ewig as lead were defeated by the score of 12-3.

Our congratulations to the other members of these rinks: Earl Frederick and Marv Vanderheiden of B9 and Lee Deighton of B3 for their part in bringing their skips into this final competition.

## YOU CAN'T WIN THEM ALL. SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T WIN EVEN ONE!

They held their heads high. They were brimming with confidence. These were our Ardsley entry into the NUTMET-ARDSLEY Bonspiel on Thursday evening, Feb. 15th - Len Warriner, Skip, Bob Fisler, Vice-Skip, Marshall Cook, Second and Chuck Briggs, Lead. But, on Saturday at 4:00 P.M. the only comments heard were -- WHAT HAPPENED? In the interim they had been defeated 10-3 by the Nutmeg II rink in the first event, 13-1 by New York Caledonian I in the second event, 12-6 by the Philadelphia I in the third event and 10-9 by St. Andrew's in the fourth event. All was not lost, however, as they made up in merriment at the social events that which they had failed to produce on the ice. There is always next year on our own ice. (Excuse number one.)

On Sunday afternoon Nutmeg I (Ralph Mester) defeated Nutmeg II (Ed Egan) (who says the ice doesn't make a difference) for the "Nutmeg Stone". New York Caledonian I, skipped by Ken Cooper, defeated New York Caledonian II (Joe Milano) for the "Bartlett Medal". Norfolk (Ted Childs) defeated the Canadian Club of New York (Add Campbell) for the Ardsley Shield and Mahopac II, skipped by Phil Melillo (a Jug Ogden skip?) won over Dud Lawrence of St. Andrew's to capture the "Crocs Scuttle".

Ever busy Jim Christie also spent many hours commuting to Nutmeg as the Ardsley representative on the joint Bonspiel Committee. On Friday evening he conducted a take-out and wick contest for all seconds. We won't even mention that.

#### GREATER BOSTON BONSPIEL - February 8-11

Ed Sibert took George Shirk, Chuck Galloway and Bruce May to this one. This bonspiel is co-hosted by the Brae Burn and Winchester Country Clubs. Thirty-two rinks (14 Canadian) competed on six sheets of ice, three at each club.

Our rink won three and lost three, as follows:

Lost against Schenectady	3 - 9
Won against Wellesley #1	12 - 8
Lost against Mayflower	6 - 10
Won against Fredericton	9 - 6
Won against Norfolk	9 - 4
Lost against Canadian Club of Boston #2	8 - 9

The last match, against the Canadian Club of Boston, was an eleven ender. Had their skip been  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch narrower on his last shot, we would have won the semi-finals of the Fourth Event.

Why is it that the vocabulary of our Bonspiel reporters contains so many hads, ifs, could haves, etc. This just has to be what keeps us all going back for more of the same.

#### ARDSLEY PLACES SECOND TO ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA IN THE ST. ANDREW'S MIXED BONSPIEL

If Bob Whitman looks a little older this week it's because of several tenth-end harrowing experiences he went through last weekend in the St. Andrew's Mixed Bonspiel. With Sirkka as three and Virginia and Marshall Cook as lead and second they defeated Brae Burn in their first match 10-6 on Friday morning. Then came the pressure. Leading by five after 8 ends against Rochester, Ardsley gave up a 3 end in the ninth. Before Bob knew what was happening, Rochester was lying 4 in the 10th end. A couple of draws cut this lead down to one with Ardsley lying 2nd and 3rd. Rochester's final rock was a keen takeout of one of our rocks but their stone just slipped through to leave them lying 1. Victory for Ardsley.

Similiar happenings occurred in the third match against Baie D'Urfe from Montreal (winners of the 1st and 2nd events in 1971 and '72). With Ardsley leading 10-6 after 9 ends, Baie D'Urfe suddenly had 4 stones lying in the 10th end. A blast by Whitman scattered rocks all over the house but left them lying 3. A final draw by George Flemming of Baie D'Urfe just nicked an Ardsley stone causing his rock to spin about 1 inch outside of an Ardsley stone. Another very close win.

Meeting St. Paul, Minnesota in the final event was an experience Bob will never forget. He is still seeing "RED". With the score 7-6, St. Paul came up with two 4-enders (the 8th and 9th) which completely demoralized, clobberized and caused Ardsley to cede the match to a near perfect rink. Ardsley settled for the Silver Tankard. Albany defeated Brae Burn with a cold draw in the 10th to win the St. Andrew's Bowl. The Wellesley #2 rink defeated the St. Andrew's #2 rink in another close match to win the Wicks Trophy.

#### ARDSLEY CUP

This annual Washington's Birthday event played against St. Andrew's resulted in another victory for Ardsley.

Although there is some question as to the exact final score - everyone questioned has expressed an opinion but declined to be specific - Ardsley emerged the victor by a margin of approximately 26 points.

Nine teams from each club participated at St. Andrew's and after the first six matches St. Andrew's held a lead - again approximate - of about 10 points. In the final three matches, however, Ardsley more than overcame this deficit by winning 51-15 and thus retained the Ardsley Cup.

Pins are awarded to the foursome on the winning club who have the widest margin of victory. This year they were won by the rink of Sibert, Patterson, Johnson and Ryan who defeated Johnny Nauss' St. Andrew's rink 17-4.

#### THEY ARE OFF!

Our New York State Champions, that is. This is the weekend that Ed Brandt, Don Wismer, Ron Currie and Jim Christie leave for the mountains of Colorado with their wives acting as cheering section, comforter, bookkeeper, broom soakers and all other good uses which can be found for these faithful gals. If there is a Curlers prayer, we'll say it for them, the wives. If you think the pressure is tough on the ice, think what they are going through as spectators. Win or lose, we are with all of you all the way.



### HAVE YOU GIVEN YOUR PINT YET?

Vonda and Tony Ficalora wish to thank all of you who have taken the time to donate blood for Michael. If you haven't spent the few minutes as yet, please give it your serious consideration. As a reminder, you can donate at Phelps Memorial Hospital from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and until 8:30 P.M. on Tuesday and Friday.

### MIXED CURLING

#### Ducks-Drakes Competition

After much searching through Men's Book and Ladies' Book and many phone calls, we have finally come up with winners in each division - as there were ties (win-loss) in both divisions we reverted to score.

Ducks - Fisler-Mort  
Drakes- Hill-Koch

A playoff will be arranged to ascertain winner and runner-up.

Please, please be sure your scores with rink number and date are written up in the Mixed score book.

#### "Pull the Plug" Funspiel - April 1

Sign up on Bulletin Board - Deadline Sunday, March 25th.

The MacIntoshes and Fletchers spent a fun weekend at the Mayfield Curling Club's Mixed Bonspiel (in Cleveland). They ended up in the finals of the 3rd event only to be defeated by a Canadian rink who had won 5 out of 6 matches.

March 3rd Ardsley curlers will travel to Nutmeg for a Friendly and on Sunday Nutmeg will play at Ardsley at 3 & 5.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

The new beautiful Stewart plaid drapes in dressing room are a donation from a friend of Joe Curi's. Another good friend, namely Evie Gronningsater of Dobbs Ferry, made them in 24 hours. Many, many thanks from all of us.

Bill Havens, not only an excellent curler, is also a terrific electrician. Larry Richardson now has lights in his office and one can now see in the storage room - all thanks to Bill.



### THREE BROOMS COMPETITION

The final event of the round robin Three Brooms Competition was held at St. Andrew's on Friday, Feb. 9th. Ardsley I, skipped by Sirkka Whitman, Carol Keenan, Arden Frederick and Muriel Huttman lost to Wicks I skipped by Betty Hodges 11-5. Ardsley II, skipped by Ellen Boldt, Bobbie Patterson, Florence Mattison and Betsy Fisler lost to Nutmeg II skipped by Gloria Connolly 11-6. Wicks II, skipped by Peggy Lockwood defeated Nutmeg I, skipped by B. Abley 10-6. The Three Brooms Trophy leaves Nutmeg and comes to the Westchester Wicks on the basis of number of stones - 55 for Wicks, 53 for Nutmeg, 43 for Ardsley - since Nutmeg and Wicks tied in number of wins, 4 for each and 1 win for Ardsley.

In the afternoon, Ardsley I, skipped by Virginia Reynolds, Mary Barrett, Carol Meszaros and Fran Chase defeated Wicks III skipped by Lillian Degen 9-3. Wicks I, skipped by Marita Smith tied Nutmeg II, skipped by M. Cresenzo 8-8. Wicks II lost to Nutmeg I, skipped by G.Fitz 10-4.

### LADIES BONSPIEL NEWS

February 13-15 was the scene of the Ardsley Ladies First Bonspiel. We had visiting teams from Brae Burn, Norfolk, Nutmeg, Philadelphia, Plainfield, Wellesley, Westchester Wicks and Ardsley. We had a very enthusiastic team from Winchester all set to attend, but unfortunately two of their girls suffered injuries and a very cooperative Ardsley rink filled in for them.

From all accounts, the Bonspiel was a great success - the decorating committee outdid themselves with a Valentine motif and won the hearts of all the curlers (thanks Florence). The hospitality committee provided their usual superb cuisine for three days (thank you Margaret and Aldine).

Our thanks go to all the gals who so willingly contributed of their time and talent, along with coping with a few trials and tribulations. Without the cooperation of all the curlers, a Bonspiel can never be a complete success. So, to every last lady curler, including those, too, who came out to support the Ardsley teams, we appreciate your efforts. (Each one of you should be listed individually, but we took pity on the typist).

We do admit that a large part of our success can be contributed to our having had some male assistance. Our referees, Mr. Bob Hill, Sr., Mr. Ed Fiske, Mr. Ed Doonan and our bartenders Mr. Joe Curi and Mr. Ed Doonan, deserve a round of applause. And although he couldn't attend our activities, we do owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Burns Patterson for so willingly providing us with name tags, roster names and large scheduling chart.

Oh yes - the results -

First Division - Winner Plainfield, Barbara Gabrielson, skip  
 Runner-up West. Wicks II, Anne Dudley, skip

Second Division- Winner Philadelphia, Sylvia Tellefsen, skip  
 Runner-up Norfolk, Elisabeth Childs, skip

Third Division - Winner Brae Burn, Helen Oleson, skip  
 Runner-up Ardsley II, Barbara Brandt, skip

The final game for the First Division winners was the grand finale of the 'spiel - went into an extra end and was decided on the last stone.

# WINDELER STANDINGS

A three-way tie exists for first place in the Windeler. If Chuck Galloway continues skipping as he has, maybe Dick Wells will stay away a few more weeks.

<u>Rink</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
W1	Wells (Thanks, Chuck)	4	1
W2	Whitman	4	1
W9	MacKenzie	4	1
W5	Roesing	3	2
W3	Sibert	2	3
W4	Brandt	2	3
W6	Stewart	2	3
W10	Currie	2	3
W7	Doonan	1	4
W8	Fisler	1	4

# THORNDIKE STANDINGS

Ardsley 1	Christie-Wells	4	0
Ardsley 4	Nolan-Sibert	4	1
N.Y. Caledonian 2	Cooper	3	1
N.Y. Caledonian 1	<del>Melillo</del> Milano	3	3
Ardsley 5	Currie-Whitman	2	2
St. Andrew's	McKay	2	3
Nutmeg		1	1
Ardsley 2	Brandt-Warriner	1	2
Ardsley 3	Stewart-Wismer	1	4
Mahopac		0	4

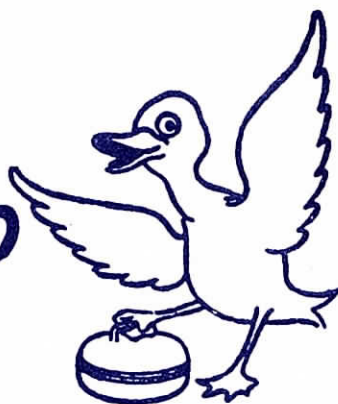
JUG OGDEN STANDINGS

Phil Melillo with his Mahopac rink of super-curlers now stands in first place in the Jug Ogden.

<u>Rink</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
M2	Melillo	5	1
A2	Daschil-Frederick	4	1
S3	Marshall	4	2
A3	Hewitt-Kemp	3	2
C1	McDonald	3	2
A1	Johnson-Zonino	2	2
S2	Dammen	2	3
M1	Waygood	2	3
M3	Cox	2	3
S1	Bradnick	2	4
A4	Cook-Crockett	1	4
S4	Martin	0	4

# Duck Soup

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## A TRIBUTE TO AN OLD FRIEND - ASHLEY THORNDIKE

Did you ever sit back and think - "What makes the sport of curling? What is it about this game which is so demanding upon our time yet which is so contagious and magnetic that it draws us to the ice preempting many other important obligations". For some it may be the competition, the exercise, the test of one's skills or the escape from the pressures of our busy lives. For most of us curling's prime asset is the people we meet on the ice and in the Warm Room. Some of these people stand out predominantly in our minds as the ones who really make this sport as we know it. Ashley Thorndike was this type of person. His presence made curling so enjoyable for both the members of his own rink and the opposition as well. He was an unusual curler, always a true gentleman, a congenial companion, a dauntless competitor, a good winner and loser and one who never spoke an ill word about any of his fellow curlers.

Recognizing these attributes, twenty of Ashley Thorndike's old friends founded the Thorndike Trophy. This competition, sponsored by the Ardsley Curling Club, was first held in 1972. On Sunday, March 4, 1973, several of these friends met in our Warm Room. Dick Wells, our president, and Chuck Stewart, representing the donors of the Thorndike Trophy, presented it to Libby Thorndike, Ashley's widow. Libby, in turn, presented the trophy to the 1972 winners of the first Thorndike competition. Quite ironically, the recipient was Ken Cooper who, as we all know, exemplifies so many of these same personal characteristics. Our belated congratulations to Ken, Phil Speller, Archie Smith, Bruce Thomas, Tod Duncanson and Bill Schlarb for being the first winners of this coveted trophy.

## ARDSLEY SCARES U.S. CHAMPIONS

Ardsley's N.Y. State champions made a highly commendable showing at the U.S. Championship in Colorado Springs last week. The Whiz Kids from Winchester, Mass. won the title, dethroning the North Dakota La Bonte rink but were thoroughly extended by Ardsley before winning in the eleventh end. Ardsley nearly won in the 10th end when the score was 5-7 for Mass. Ardsley counted two with last rock when Reeves, the Mass. skip, missed a takeout on his last stone. However, he hit a rock up near the hog line which was deflected into



an Ardsley counter cutting us to one. Brandt then drew in for a second stone and the tie. Mass., with last rock in the 11th, won 9-7.

Ardsley scored impressive wins over California, Nebraska, New Jersey, Illinois and Michigan. After seven draws Ardsley stood alone in 3rd place behind North Dakota and Mass. Then, in a game which Ed Brandt describes as the best played game he has ever been in or seen, Ardsley lost a heart breaker to Wisconsin in 11 ends. Ardsley had blanked 5 ends and went into the 10th with a 4-3 lead and the hammer against a team that had won 24 of 25 matches in the Wisconsin state playdowns. The Wisconsin skip buried a rock for a tie in the 10th and in the 11th had two counters biting the two-foot line and guarded. Brandt had to draw the button on his last rock which was swept early and agonizingly slid about 3 feet beyond the tee to leave Wisconsin counting two for the 6-4 win.

Christie, Currie, Wismer and Brandt earned considerable prestige and made many friends for Ardsley. Combined with the Mass. win they did much to improve the image of eastern curling. We all extend our sincerest congratulations to them for their fine achievement.

#### MEN'S CLOSING DINNER - APRIL 19, 1973

Mark your calendar! The Men's Closing Dinner will be on Thursday, April 19. Cocktails at 6:30; Dinner at 8:00.

In case there is any question in the minds of those men who curl only in the Mixed, we hope you will attend.

The Dinner will be at Reiber's Inn of Westchester. We tried to use the Country Club, but ran into timing and other problems which made it desirable to look elsewhere. We think you will find the food, service and price (\$7.50, including tax and tip) most attractive.

Reiber's is in Elmsford, N.Y. on the west side of the Saw Mill River Parkway, just south of the Tarrytown-White Plains Road. In case you get lost, their number is: 914-592-9261.

Please return the enclosed card as soon as you can so that we will be able to make an early commitment to the restaurant.

#### KEN COOPER DOES IT AGAIN! WINS THE 1972-73 WILDS

As you may recall, Ardsley 4 with Len Wariner and Bob Whitman as co-skips were tied for first place in the 1972-73 Wilds competition with Ken Cooper's N.Y. Caledonian rink. Each rink ended the season with 12 wins and 3 losses.

On Thursday, March 1st, they locked horns to decide the final winner. Cooper won the first end by 4 and that was practically the end of the story. Bob Whitman, skipping, with Len War-riner as vice-skip, Alex MacKenzie second and Mait Griggs as lead ceded the match after 9 ends with the score at 11-5.

Again, our congratulations to Ken and the "tough to beat" rink of Baker, Thomas, Weppner, Bronner, Duncanson, McDonald and Henderson.

#### PATTERSON WINS PLAYOFF FOR SECOND PLACE IN THE COLGAN

As previously reported, Chuck Galloway and his rink are this season's undisputed winners of the Colgan. However, the competition ended with Burns Patterson and Bill Havens tied for second with 4 wins and 2 losses each. This tie was settled on Thursday, March 8th, in a very close match with the rink of Patterson, Mulligan, Cronkite and Pete Murphy defeating Bob Havens, Ed Hand, Joe Keenan and Carl Huttman by 10 to 9.

#### THE DYKES - ARDSLEY 2 WINS, 2 LOSSES

The Thirty Third Annual Dykes competition was held at The Philadelphia Curling Club on February 23-25. Ardsley was represented by Jim Christie, Skip, Joe Curi, 3, Pete Murphy, 2, and Bob DeRevere of The Philadelphia C.C. Bruce Crockett was unable to curl due to a broken bone in his foot.

Ardsley lost the first match, 11 to 10, by giving up a four ender in the 10th. After a 15 to 4 win over St. Andrew's, we defeated one of the entries from Philadelphia 11 to 10 in an extra end. In the finals for the Brookline Trophy, Wellesley, Mass. defeated Ardsley 9 to 7. It was a close and exciting match that was not decided until the last stone.

Nutmeg I won the Dykes by beating the Canadian Club and Utica I won the Davies Bowl.

#### GRAND NATIONAL CURLING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

An Ardsley rink skipped by Chuck Galloway with Bob Hill at three and Earl Frederick at two journeyed to Schenectady over the March 1-4 weekend to compete for the Gordon Medal. Swede Gabel, a member of the Schenectady Club, did an outstanding job as lead.

Ardsley won their first two matches against Phil Trenbath and the Canadian Club of New York and Al Hofaker and Albany Curling Club #2. This second match was a close battle all the way and was not decided until Chuck Galloway's last shot. The final score was 6-5

Ardsley's next and, unfortunately, final match was a semi-final event against Rochester's fine rink skipped by Bill Dulmage. It was a good game with both teams making many excellent shots. The only problem was they made more of theirs than we did of ours.

Some consolation was found, however, when Rochester went on to beat Brae Burn in the finals and thus won the Gordon Champion Rink Medal.

#### THE KIMBEL BONSPIEL - THE WINNER - BOB WHITMAN

The Kimbel Bonspiel, which was revived last year, was held at St. Andrew's Curling Club on March 9-11, 1973. Sixteen rinks from Ardsley, St. Andrew's, N.Y. Caledonian and Mahopac competed in this knock-out event. Ardsley entered 4 rinks skipped by Wells (last year's winner), Whitman, Sibert and Galloway.

Galloway was defeated and out on Saturday morning. On Sunday morning Jasmine of N.Y. Caledonian defeated Wells 15-7 at the same time Whitman was displacing Sibert 13-9.

The final competition for the Kimbel Medal on Sunday afternoon found Bob Whitman with Len Warriner as vice-skip, Alex MacKenzie at second and Jim Zonino as lead facing Hal Jasmine's N.Y. Caledonian rink. With the score 17-5 after 8 ends Hal gracefully ceded the match. All agree (particularly Bob Whitman's rink) that this was a great weekend.

#### NUTMEG-ARDSLEY "NUTLEY" FRIENDLY

A great time was had on March 3 and 4 as Nutmeg and Ardsley mixed curlers met at Nutmeg on Saturday and Ardsley on Sunday for a great friendly. At Nutmeg on Saturday Ardsley won the first 3 matches and Nutmeg the final 3. Top point score for these events went to Pete Murphy, Jean Murphy, Bob Murphy and Donna Murphy with 13 3/4 points. The winning rink from Nutmeg was Mester-McAlarny with 12 points. Ardsley lead at this point 50½ to 47½.

On Sunday, at Ardsley, Nutmeg put on the pressure and finished with a winning score of 102½ to 93 3/4 for Ardsley. The rink of Candlish and Beattie from Nutmeg had the winning score of 13 points while the Wells-MacIntosh rink was the Ardsley winner with 12 3/4 points. No matter who won or lost any of matches, it's always a great pleasure to get together with our Connecticut friends.

#### NO RAIN SCHEDULED FOR THE RESCHEDULED GOLFSPIEL

Len Warriner has promised that May 4, 1973 will be a clear day without a cloud in the sky for this is the date he has rescheduled the Ardsley-Nutmeg-St. Andrew's Golfspiel. After last October's deluge he can't be wrong two times in a row. After a long, mild winter it's time to test your old golf skills against your winter curling opponents. This time it's man against himself with no skips to blame. Play can start as early as 9:00 A.M. Round up a foresome or come alone. The committee will set up the matches. An entry fee of \$6 plus \$10 greens fee will guarantee a great day.

### MIXED CURLING

The "Pull-the-Plug" Funspiel on Sunday, April 1st, will start at 2 P.M. followed by dinner at the Ardsley Country Club. Deadline for signing up in the Warm Room is Sunday, March 25th.

Congratulations go to Betsy and Bob Fisler and Isabelle and Paul Mort for winning the playoff against the Hill-Koch rink in the Ducks-Drakes competition.

### TEENAGE CURLING

The Ardsley Junior Curlers, with the cooperation and help of the St. Andrew's parents and club members, hosted a most successful bonspiel the weekend of March 9-11th. Twelve rinks from Brae Burn, Broomstones, Nashua, Norfolk, Nutmeg, Plainfield, St. Andrew's and Ardsley participated. The young curlers were hosted and entertained at a dinner and square dance on Saturday night and at lunch on Sunday.

The curling was, as expected, most exciting. Ardsley I, Philip Stone, Skip, Barbara Pike, Robert Frederick and Beth Frederick lost a cliff-hanger in the semi-finals of the first event to Plainfield II, Tom Fuller, Skip. Ardsley II, Lincoln Heffner, Skip, Olivia Wilson, Bill Pike and Trish Patterson lost in the semi-finals of the second event to Brae Burn, Gray Cousins, Skip.

In the finals, Nutmeg I, Dave Kittredge, Skip, (semi-finals winner in a tie-breaking end over St. Andrew's) defeated Plainfield II to win the first event. Plainfield I, Warren McClure, Skip, decisoned Brae Burn in the second event and Norfolk, Chris Rockwell, Skip, won the third event over Nutmeg II, Nan Beaumont, Skip.

At the awards ceremony following the final matches, President of the Ardsley Curling Club Dick Wells expressed his pleasure at seeing such fine junior curling and introduced Congressman Peter Peyser, the innovator of teenage curling at Ardsley, who presented the medals to the winners.

The junior curlers have had a very successful year - participating in several out-of-town bonspiels and curling with their counterparts from St. Andrew's. Many thanks to all who helped to make the year - and the bonspiel so very successful! The kids are already talking NEXT YEAR!

We do have more news to report but due to lack of space will have to hold some items for the next issue. If we don't keep the copy within one 8-cent stamp the typist, mailer and particularly our treasurer get very upset.



Dick Wells and Jim Christie and their Ardsley #1 rink hold a slim lead 6-0 over Ken Cooper and his N.Y. Caledonian #2 rink (6-1) in the Thorndike. This year's competition could go right down to the wire on March 31.

<u>THORNDIKE</u>		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Ardsley 1	Christie-Wells	6	0
N.Y. Caledonian 2	Cooper	6	1
Ardsley 2	Brandt-Warriner	5	2
Nutmeg	(Rotating skips)	4	2
Ardsley 4	Nolan-Sibert	4	4
N.Y. Caledonian 1	Milano	4	4
St. Andrew's	McKay	2	5
Ardsley 3	Stewart-Wismer	2	6
Ardsley 5	Currie-Whitman	2	6
Mahopac	Finnegan	1	6

Whitman and Wells are tied for lead in the Windeler with one match to go.

<u>WINDELER</u>		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
W1	Wells	6	1
W2	Whitman	6	1
W9	MacKenzie	5	3
W5	Roesing	4	4
W3	Sibert	3	5
W4	Brandt	3	5
W6	Stewart	3	5
W8	Fisler	3	5
W10	Currie	3	5
W7	Doonan	2	6

Phil Melillo, skipping the Mahopac 2 rink, still holds a slim lead over co-skips Hans Daschil and Earl Frederick.

<u>JUG OGDEN</u>		<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Mahopac 2	Melillo	8	1
Ardsley 2	Daschil-Frederick	7	1
St. Andrew's 3	Marshall	7	2
Ardsley 3	Hewitt-Kemp	4	4
N.Y. Caledonian	Weppner (last skip)	4	4
Mahopac 3	Cox	4	5
St. Andrew's 1	Bradnick	4	6
Ardsley 1	Johnson-Zonino	3	5
Ardsley 4	Cook-Crockett	3	5
Mahopac 1	Chu	3	5
St. Andrew's 2	Dahmen	3	6
St. Andrew's 4	Martin	1	7

# Duck Soup

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## WHITMAN WINS WINDELER

In a setting which seems to repeat itself annually, Dick Wells and Bob Whitman squared away against each other in a playoff match on Tuesday, March 27, 1973, to determine this year's club championship. Each rink this year ended the season with 8 wins and 1 loss. In a match where the lead see-sawed back and forth the score was tied 8-8 after 10 ends. Even the eleventh end went down to the last stone before the final outcome was decided. Notice the scoring through the tenth end, 3 one-ends each, 1 two-end each, and 1 three-end each. The final 1 in the eleventh was the deciding stone.

Whitman	1	2	4			6		10	11
Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Wells	3			5	7	8		9	

Our congratulations to Bob Whitman, Marshall Cook, Pete Murphy and Bill Roy who competed in the playoff match and to Andy Storer, Mait Griggs and Lee Deighton, the balance of the rink who brought Bob through the season to the victory.

First place wasn't the only position to require a play-off this year. With a four-way tie for last position three matches were played this past week to settle this honor. Fisler defeated Sibert and Doonan defeated Crockett (substituting for Ed Brandt). In a final play-off on Saturday, Ed Brandt eeked out a 9-8 victory over Ed Sibert. Final standings were as follows:

<u>Rink</u>	<u>Skip</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Season Points</u>
*W2	Whitman	8	1	99
*W1	Wells	8	1	80
W9	MacKenzie	5	4	78
W5	Roesing	4	5	79
W10	Currie	4	5	74
W6	Stewart	4	5	64
*W7	Doonan	3	6	76
*W8	Fisler	3	6	58
*W4	Brandt	3	6	74
*W3	Sibert	3	6	71

\* Final position decided by play-off

### THE 1973 THORNDIKE ENDS UP IN A TIE

After curling nine matches in the Thorndike competition, co-skips Wells and Christie ended up in a tie with Ken Cooper's N.Y. Caledonian #2 rink. Each had 8 wins and 1 loss. As the last scheduled matches were on the last day of the season there was no time for scheduling a play-off. On a total point basis Wells-Christie scored 74 points while Cooper's rink scored 66. Ken's 66 points included his last three matches which he won by default. We are all proud of Dick Wells, Jim Christie, Alex MacKenzie, Bob Hill, Harry Thompson, Paul Conley and Bruce May for bringing this honor to Ardsley. Final Standings:

<u>Rink</u>	<u>Skips</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
A1	Christie-Wells	8	1
C2	Cooper	8	1
A2	Brandt-Warriner	6	3
N1	Mester-Egan	6	3
A4	Nolan-Sibert	5	4
C1	Milano	4	5
A5	Currie-Whitman	3	6
A3	Stewart-Wismer	2	7
S1	McKay	2	7
M1	Finnegan	1	8

### PHIL MELILLO OF MAHOPAC WINS THE JUG

Phil Melillo, skipping the Mahopac #2 rink with Bill Laughland as co-skip, Rod Granzen, Bill LaFave, Harry Temple and Joe Appleby won the 1973 Jug Ogden event. Their final record of 10 wins and 1 loss just beat out the Ardsley #2 rink skipped by Earl Frederick and Hans Daschil. The final outcome wasn't decided until the last day of the season when Phil Melillo defeated Harold

Haff skipping the Ardsley #1 rink while Earl Frederick was losing to Ed Finnegan of Mahopac #1. All who curled in the Jug Ogden this year were in full agreement that there were many fine and closely fought matches.

Final standings for the Jug Ogden competition are:

<u>Rink</u>	<u>Skips</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
M2	Melillo-Laughland	10	1
A2	Daschil-Frederick	9	2
S3	Marshall	7	3
A3	Hewitt-Kemp	6	5
A1	Johnson-Zonino	5	6
A4	Cook-Crockett	5	6
C1	Rotating Skips	5	6
M1	Chu	5	6
S1	Bradnick	5	6
S2	Dahmen	4	7
M3	Cox	4	7
S4	Martin	1	10

DON'T FORGET THE MEN'S CLOSING DINNER

Of course, by now, you have all returned the card which was enclosed in the last Duck Soup to George Shirk with a positive reply. And, you have the date - April 19, 1973, and the place - Reiber's Inn of Westchester, and the times - Cocktails 6:30, Dinner 8:00 P.M. recorded in your calendar. So, we are all looking forward to a great time. But, just in case you haven't done these things - NOW IS THE TIME. George must get the reservation in pronto if we want to eat.

THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVE

"Many thanks to all the members of the Ardsley Curling Club who were kind enough to donate their time and blood for me. I am absolutely overwhelmed by your response and deeply appreciative of your assistance."

Michael A. Ficalora

The pleasure was ours, Micahel - and to all members - remember that this is a continuing need - not a one-time requirement.

GOLFSPIEL

Len Warriner is still looking for more golfers to help share in the fun and sun on May 4, 1973. Let's get as good a representation as we can from Ardsley. We did pretty well on the ice this year, so this is our chance to continue our success on the grass.

Place: Ardsley Country Club - May 4, 1973 - 9:00 A.M. on.



### LADIES CURLING

On March 16th, the rink of Ellen Boldt, Skip, Bobbie Patterson, Mary Jean Keenan and Ginny Reynolds traveled to Plainfield for a friendly. Also participating were rinks from Hershey, Philadelphia, St. Andrew's, Potomac and of course Plainfield. The Ardsley rink won its game with Philadelphia in the morning, had a delicious lunch and lost to a Plainfield rink in the afternoon.

### MIXED CURLING

The "Pull-the-Plug" Funspiel on Sunday, April 1st, was the final event of the year for the mixed curlers. The participants played three rounds of two ends each and based on a final point score the winners were the rink of Patterson and Gold. The runners-up were the rink of Curi, Wiesenthal and Stedman.

### TEENAGE CURLING

The teenagers participated in the last bonspiel of the season - the "Junior Dykes" - held at Plainfield. This event is for first year junior curlers and juniors who have not skipped or played three outside their own clubs. We are happy to say that our Ardsley rink of Robert Frederick, Skip, Cynthia Smith, Andy Brandt and Trish Patterson won both their games and the first event. The teenagers have a fine record this year and it is nice to close out the season on a winning note.

### FINANCIAL BULLETIN

While final returns in detail are not yet available, and won't be until the Club's fiscal year ends on July 31, our faithful treasurer, Joe Curi, has enough information to know that for the current season the Club has operated at a loss. Expenses have been somewhat below the estimate sent to the membership in September. Unfortunately, dues revenue has fallen by more than \$2500 reflecting a decline in total membership of fifteen from a year ago, but more important a decline of ten in the category of Regular Family and Active Male Members. It is this class that pays the highest dues and this heavy loss in this group has severely cut the Club's overall revenue. To help defray the deficit, the Board of Directors at its meeting on March 26th voted an assessment of \$25.00 per Active Member and voted to request that all other classes of membership make a voluntary contribution of \$15 per member. Bills covering the assessment and a request for the voluntary contribution will be sent to the membership in the near future.

### MEMBERSHIP

As you probably have gathered from reading the preceding item, our membership efforts fell short of the goal this last season. This, despite the fact that we actually added some thirty seven new curlers to our ranks. Hopefully, some of those who dropped out this year will be able to rejoin us again next year.

Past experience has shown, however, that we can expect to lose quite a few members this summer for reasons of health, retirement or job relocation.

We hope, therefore, that everyone will keep this problem in mind this summer and be prepared to sponsor a new member next fall.

### THE HISTORY OF CURLING

Mait Griggs was digging through the library of the Racquet and Tennis Club recently and came up with the following - which side are you on?

Scotland or Holland? The age-old controversy over the birthplace of curling still rages.

Both the Dutch and Scots claim curling for their very own.

The facts surrounding the origin of the game, however, are generally "shrouded in the mists of antiquity".

The evidence of certain 16th century paintings and 19th century writings have not served conclusively to clear up the mystery.

The Rev. John Ramsay (1777-1871) first promoted the Dutch theory in his "Account of the Game of Curling," the earliest known writing on the sport.

Mr. Ramsay pointed out: "The terms, being all Dutch or German, point to the Low Countries as the place in which the game most probably originated, or, at least, from whence it was conveyed to us."

This viewpoint prevailed and many writers supported the theory.

An 1828 "Descriptive and Historical Sketch of Curling" declared, "It is supposed that the Flemings were the people who, in the 15th or about the beginning of the 16th century, introduced curling into this country."

Though many prominent historians held the view that curling was born in Scotland, it wasn't until the appearance of the Rev. John Kerr's book, "History of Curling," (1890) that strong arguments were made against Dutch origin.

Mr. Kerr pointed out, "Every stone found in this country is evidence that the game, even in its earliest form, is 'our ain,' since neither in Wales, England, the Low Countries, nor anywhere else are such relics cast up, for it is absurd to suppose that, if the game were Flemish, and carried with Flemings wherever they settled, it would only be in Scotland that the primitive stones could be found."

Some of the curling stones found in Scotland date back to the early 16th century. The oldest known stone, the Stirling, bears the date 1511. Another, belonging to the Rev. W. Guthrie, dates back to 1645.

In order to back up his theory, Mr. Kerr quotes a letter from an Amsterdam resident, J. G. Roobers, dated April 2, 1889. The letter says, in part:

"The game, curling, is quite unknown in our country, Mr. H. C. Ragge, keeper of the university in town, to whom I have applied for information on the subject, writes me today that he could not trace a similar game in the present or last century, and that he believes he may assume that curling or a game similar to it has never been in use in this country."

However valid Mr. Kerr's theory concerning the stones may be, the works of a 16th century Dutch artist, Pieter Breughel (1525-1569), seem to belie the opinion of the Amsterdam museum keeper that curling had "never been in use" in Holland.

A Breughel work, "Hunters in the Snow," clearly shows curlers in action on the ice in the background of a hunting scene. Another Breughel painting, "Winter Landscape," shows two groups on the ice, one of them engaged in a game called "shinty," played with snowballs, and the other group playing at curling.

And so the argument continues, Holland or Scotland? One thing is certain, however: Whichever country gave birth to curling, the game has been developed over the years in Scotland and has become thoroughly identified with Scottish customs and lore.

From Scotland the game spread to other countries, crossing the seas to Canada and the United States.

The game is now played in Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Australia, New Zealand and several other countries.

Of course, the inevitable rivalry among countries grew into annual championship matches. Each year in March, the United States, Canada, Scotland and Sweden compete for the world championship Scotch Cup.

#### 1972-1973 A GREAT YEAR

Why? Because of all the people associated with the Ardsley Curling Club who have done so much to make this a good year. Time and space do not permit naming each individual accomplishment and contribution of time and effort which brought this about. Let's say it was the collective efforts of everyone; including our President, the Board of Directors, the Officers, the Committee Chairmen and members of their committees and many other untitled individuals who contributed to make this one of our most successful years.

As editor of Duck Soup, I do wish to personally express my sincere gratitude to those who have so ably assisted in bringing the news of the club to you on a bi-weekly (almost) basis. To Jinny Hill for her work in typing, duplicating and correcting my many spelling errors; to Jane Wells for the collating, folding, addressing and stuffing envelopes and mailing many thousands of sheets of paper; to George Shirk for his assistance in the Editorial Department, his words of wisdom and encouragement and to all others who helped through their contributions - my profound thanks.

But, this season is behind us. What about next fall? Will it again find Ardsley with the best ice in the area, with new members to fill the vacancies of those who for one reason or another must withdraw from active participation and will there be new faces to bring our membership rolls up to the number that we should have for a really successful operation? Will next fall find the bar open each curling night, the establishment of curling schedules, the selection of skips, the coordination with other clubs, successful bonspiels and the improvement of our facilities?

The future success of our Club and the answer as to whether any of these things will occur is dependent upon each individual member doing his share. Please - when requested to carry your fair level of responsibility toward the success of our Club in the 1973-74 season, don't find a reason to say no. Think of ways to make time for the Club. Think of what you can do to help make the Ardsley Curling Club a continuing success as it always has been in the past. You will be surprised at how much personal satisfaction your efforts will bring.

Marshall Cook  
Editor