

# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



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It may seem too early for Duck Soup to arrive but the curling season is just around the corner and it's time to start planning and working for a successful 1973-74 season.

With that in mind it seems a good idea to let everyone know who is running the various committees and who the officers are for the '73-74 season.

The committee chairman are as follows:

Membership	- Jim Zonino
Building and Ice	- Ed Doonan
Men's curling	- Jim Christie
Mixed curling	- Bill and Aldine Havens
Ladies' curling	- Fran Currie
Awards	- Bob Murphy
Teen-age curling	- Earl and Arden Frederick
Duck Soup	- Joe and Carol Keenan
Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel	- Ed and Barbara Brandt
Publicity	- Ron Currie
Out-of-town Bonspiels (Men's)	- Dick Wells

The officers elected by the Directors at their April 19 meeting are as follows:

President	- Bob Hill
Executive Vice President	- Ed Doonan
Vice President	- Ed Brandt
Vice President	- Dick Wells
Secretary	- Bill Johnson
Treasurer	- Harold Haff
Assistant Secretary	- Chuck Stewart
Assistant Treasurer	- Joe Curi

## MEMBERSHIP

As in past years the size of our membership continues to be the number one concern of the club. Jim Zonino is approaching this problem with new ideas but the best source of new members will continue to be through the sponsorship of our active members.

For this reason we urge you to do your best to interest your friends and acquaintances in curling.

Last year's "member-guest" event was so successful that we will undoubtedly have several this year, replacing in part the customary "open house" of past years. The problem with the latter appears to have been the fact that our guests did not have an opportunity to actually curl but instead stood in line patiently shivering while they waited their turn to throw a few stones. More information on the scheduling of these events will be mailed out this fall but in the meantime it is hoped that everyone will work toward increasing our membership this season.

Jim Zonino certainly deserves and will appreciate ~~all the help he can get.~~ If you have any questions or suggestions Jim can be reached at (914) 631-5810.

#### BUILDING AND ICE

Our ability to live within our budget depends to a great extent on the amount of work we do ourselves, not only during the season but in preparing the facility before the ice is actually made. As we get into September and October Ed Doonan will need the assistance of a good number of people to help with various painting and cleaning chores. If enough people volunteer then the amount of time required of each will not be great. Anyone interested in contributing a few hours can call Ed at (914) 591-8191.

#### CAPE COD BONSPIEL

While most of us were swimming, golfing, sailing, or just loafing over the weekend of July 6-8, a few "never-say-die" Ardsley curlers were participating in either the last bonspiel of the '72-73 season or the first bonspiel of the '73-74 season.

Whichever you decide to call it, this bonspiel was held at the Cape Cod Curling Club in Falmouth, Mass., with a total of 16 rinks entered. Ardsley was represented by two rinks (which is better than we can often do in the wintertime). Ardsley #1 consisted of the Doonans and Rays (and later Bobbie Patterson substituting for Anita Doonan), while Ardsley #2 was made up of the Briggs and the Delanys.

As usual when Ardsley rinks "have a good time" it is difficult, if not impossible, to learn the final standings, but we have been advised that Ardsley #2 did somewhat better than Ardsley #1. We're not sure whether this means they had a better time or won more matches, but in any event we do understand that the bonspiel was a tremendous success and had a rather unusual finale.

After all matches had been played, several rinks were tied for first place on a point count basis. Instead of returning to the ice for a play-off they went outdoors and settled the question by bowling on the green.

MORE TO COME

The next issue of Duck Soup will be published late in September. By that time we will have a better idea of the schedule of fall events and will give you a complete report on these items.

Please remember that there are plenty of opportunities available to serve your club, so if you would like to help give ~~Bob Hill~~ a call. We particularly need the assistance of several men in connection with running the "week-night" bar. Joe Curi has done an outstanding job for several years but now would like to stand on the other side of the bar for a change.

If any committee chairman wishes to include an item in the next issue, please forward same to Joe Keenan prior to September 15th.

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## OPENING CURLING DINNER

Mark your calendar, and reserve Saturday, October 13th, for this festivity at the Ardsley Country Club! The cocktail hour begins at 6:00 and dinner will be served at 7:30 (fixed price: \$8.50).

As Bob Hill's recent mailing indicated, this year's pre-season festivities are arranged on a joint basis. This gala event replaces the separate Men's, Ladies', and Mixed parties of previous years, and promises to provide a grand evening for all curlers.

Non-curlers who are prospective members are invited. In this departure from past practice, we hope to give these people an opportunity to meet us, and to see the social side of curling before the more structured exposure to curling instruction on the ice.

Please return your postcard to Bob Hill as soon as possible. The Main Dining Room seats only 100, and Mr. Donney will want to know how many additional covers to set up in the Grill Room and in the Main Lounge.

## PREPARATION DAY AT THE RINK

This extremely important day will occur Monday, October 8th, (Columbus Day) from 9:30 a.m. on. Refreshments and sandwiches will be available -- as well as required tools and materials for the work. This is the day on which all can contribute to the success of our season, and to the appearance of our fine facilities.

We have plenty of jobs for everyone. If there is a specific period of time you have available, please tell us. If you can join in, drop a note to -- or call -- Ed Doonan (591-8191), so work can be scheduled. Please give a general idea as to when you plan to arrive, and come in work clothes.

We plan paint jobs on the downstairs walls and men's room (among other things), so if you're handy and like to paint, Ed would appreciate someone taking on the responsibility and supervision for this part of the work. Please step forward.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!! YOU WILL ENJOY OUR GROUP EFFORT!!

### FALL OPEN HOUSE

If temperatures cooperate, the Fall Open House for prospective curlers will span the week-end of November 3rd and 4th. Jim Zonino and his committee are putting the final touches on the actual arrangements; details will be available shortly. In the meantime, though, all of us should be thinking of friends and acquaintances who would be interested, and asking them to reserve one or both of these days.

The final figures are not yet known, but we all know from past experience of year-to-year attrition in membership, particularly among male curlers. Thus it is vitally important that all of us do our utmost to interest -- and ultimately recruit -- as many new members as our broad acquaintance permits.

A recent magazine article commented on the difficulties faced by most clubs because of increasing costs and taxes. This fact, coupled with a drop in income, has prompted many of these clubs to offer admissions concessions to attract new members. We feel that concessions, dues increases, and/or assessments do not have to become a way of life at the Ardsley Curling Club, provided that we get out and produce 30 new members.

This goal can be reached if the present membership seeks out attractive prospects from friends, associates, and neighbors. All of us must present the curling story. Please make an all-out effort in this direction and work to produce new members.

### OPENING DAY

Competitive curling will start the week-end of November 10th and 11th. Subsequent DUCK SOUP issues, and communications from individual Skips, will follow with more information as schedules, rink composition, etc., become finalized.

### MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Every member should have received a schedule of current dues and a membership blank; if you have not, contact Bob Hill (914-591-9007). Kindly return the latter to Bob as soon as possible, but please do not include any checks. Dues and initiation fees will be billed in October.

The various curling committees must shortly commence work on rink make-up and schedules. The sooner they know the number of curlers, any personal restrictions, and so forth, the more efficiently they can do their job -- and the better balanced and competitive the rinks will be.

#### PROFESSIONAL CURLING INSTRUCTION

Garnett Campbell, brother of our good friend Margaret Smith and a curler of fame and renown, is available to come from Saskatchewan to instruct us at Ardsley and at St. Andrews. Mr. Campbell would concentrate on delivery and strategy. Instruction is open to all curlers -- new and experienced; men, women, and mixed.

The proposed dates are November 7th through the 11th. The cost will be \$30.00 for 3 group sessions, with a maximum of 15 curlers per group. Sessions will be held on week-nights and the week-end.

Margaret must know if our interest is sufficient for her brother to make the trip. Those of us wishing to participate are asked to call her at (914-762-0298) as quickly as possible.

#### SUN CITY, ARIZONA, HERE WE COME!

Let's all wish Good Luck and auf Wiedersehen to Marv and Greta VanderHeiden, who by now are probably established in their retirement home in Sun City. We'll all miss Marv, who has been a good friend, an avid curler, and a fellow who is always cooperative and full of team spirit. For those who may wish to communicate with Marv and Greta, a forthcoming issue of DUCK SOUP will print their new address.

#### WICKER BASKETS

Last year, the Mixed Curlers purchased a supply of bright orange wicker plate holders for Club buffets. We think that these were borrowed for a party by one of our members. Since we can't remember the details of the arrangements, would whoever has these wicker baskets please come forth by contacting Aldine Havens at (914-693-0176)?

#### FILING CABINETS AND RECORDS

We would greatly appreciate the generosity of anyone who would donate to the Club a standard, office-type, filing cabinet(s).

Over the years, many Club records (both official and unofficial) have accumulated in the homes and offices of a number of the membership. For reference and other purposes, a central repository would

greatly aid officers and committeemen. All other members might be interested in merely browsing into records of our history.

But first we need one or more filing cabinets!! Upon receipt of sufficient storage facilities, i. e., said filing cabinet, the members would be asked to donate whatever records they might have -- and would be willing to donate.

#### NUTMEG ICELESS BONSPIEL

Len Warriner wants to remind you that there is still time to sign up for Nutmeg's Iceless on Friday, October 5th, at the Darien Country Club.

Tee off time is between noon and 2 p.m.; cocktail hour will begin about 6:00, and dinner will be served at 7:30. Entry fee is \$5.00, greens fees are \$7.50, and dinner is \$8.50. Ladies are welcome.

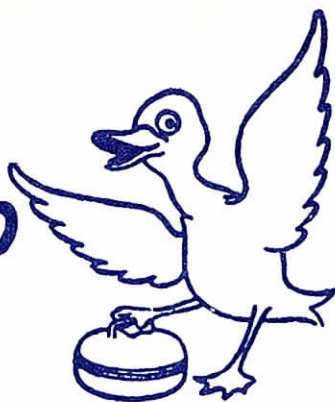
Please call Len at 914-591-8721 if you are interested.

Your new DUCK SOUP editors received many compliments on the Summer issue. Undeservedly 'twas, we fear and confess. We were a-travelling, and our hard working president was responsible for that splendid communique.

Thanks to the cooperation of all committee chairmen, you have our first effort before you. We hope to bring out DUCK SOUP biweekly. The next issue is scheduled for about October 15th. Committee chairmen -- or anyone else -- are asked to submit news items to Joe Keenan no later than October 10th.

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## CURLING OPEN HOUSES

The utter necessity of interesting, and recruiting new members dictates our stressing the importance of these activities. We know the schedule has been announced previously in a separate mailing from Membership Chairman Jim Zonino.

### 1. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2:00 TO 5:00 P. M.

The Ardsley Country Club has extended an invitation to its non-curling members to come to the rink as our guests. Curling Country Club members are urged to talk to their fellow golfers, swimmers, tennis buffs, and to bring along as many of their friends as possible who show signs of interest in curling.

### 2. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2:00 TO 5:00 P. M.

This will be a general Open House, directed toward those potential new members who are not affiliated with the Country Club. Naturally, anyone who cannot make one of these two dates is invited to the other, regardless of any club association.

These activities promise to be quite interesting for prospective members, aside from the fact that "refreshments will be served." Curling introduction will be actual participation in several live ends (after suitable explanation of the basics), as opposed to the previous practice of throwing a few stones after an hour or so of chilly immobility. Rinks will be manned by two curlers and two non-curlers. The competitive aspect will be present, as well as the experience of sighting the broom, delivering the stone, and sweeping.

## SEASON'S OPENING

One thing which we mustn't fail to mention in this issue -- of some interest to all of us -- are the scheduled dates for the

There will be a meeting for interested teenagers and their parents on Saturday, November 10th, at 10 A. M. in the Warm Room of the Ardsley Curling Club. If your youngsters wish to join, please call Earl or Arden Frederick at (914) 591-6927.

Further details will be forthcoming as soon as the ice is "safe" and the stones are "curling".

GOOD CURLING!

#### RINK PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE

All will be surprised and pleased at the appearance of the rink, both inside and out, as we prepare for the rapidly approaching new season. You will immediately notice the number of changes which have been made.

On both October 8th and 13th, Ed Doonan was joined by a goodly number of volunteers who aided in waxing, painting, cleaning, and polishing just about everything in sight! These men are to be congratulated for their efforts and interest in the Club, particularly since October 8th concluded a three-day holiday week-end.

OUR HATS ARE OFF TO ALL WHO HELPED!! THANK YOU.

#### CANADIAN ICEMAKER

We are most fortunate to have Larry Richardson back with us. All of us remember the fine job he did with the ice last year, and we're now assured of excellent ice this coming season.

Larry has taken a room in the vicinity, and would greatly appreciate the loan of a TV set for the duration of the curling season. Perhaps some one has a son or daughter in college whose room is temporarily vacant and which contains a "spare" TV. At any rate, help along these lines would be most welcome. Please contact Ed Doonan (914) 591-8191.

#### DUES REMITTANCE

Harold Haff reports that dues payments are coming along nicely, but there remain a number of people who have not yet paid. The benefits to the Club of timely dues receipt are obvious. Cash flow planning is made much easier. The bills which accumulate early in the season can be readily met, thus enabling our Treasurer to maintain credit standing and allowing him to take advantage of cash discounts when available.

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

A final appeal!! PLEASE return your form to Bob Hill, so we will know who is curling in what categories. Be sure to specify any

days or times when you will be unable to curl; so the committee can factor this into the schedule.

### BONSPIELS

We won't detail the activites here, but will list some scheduled Bonspiels so those interested can tentatively mark their calendars.

Plainfield	December 1 & 2	(Men)
Rochester	December 1 & 2	(Men)
Norfolk	December 8 & 9	(Men)
Weston	December 8 & 9	(Mixed)

Further details will be posted on the bulletin board.

### PLEASE RETURN THE WICKER BASKETS!

The last issue of DUCK SOUP carried an appeal for the return of some bright orange wicker baskets, used for serving food at parties in the Warm Room. These were apparently borrowed by a member last Spring, who still has them. As the number available now is limited, we would appreciate their return to ensure adequate supplies for this season's parties.

### FILING CABINETS

The Internal Revenue Service will be all the poorer due to a large tax deduction Bob Whitman will take as a result of donating a filing cabinet to house Club records and files in one central place. THANK YOU, BOB.

Now all we need are the records! Various past officers, committeemen, DUCK SOUP editors, and members must have in their possession, papers and documents which would be of historical interest to others. A library containing these would serve as a continuous history of our Club, as well as a useful tool for research on matters dealing with current Club operations.

We therefore ask all members, particularly those who have been curling for some years, to go through their records at home and office, and to consider giving to the Club that which seems appropriate.

### BACK-STOP/GUARD MATERIAL

Some one last year promised that they would obtain new, white, rubberized material to line the backstop behind the hacks. Frankly, we can't remember who it was!! Would he (she) please come forward, and call Ed Doonan (914) 591-8191 to discuss this?

beginning of Men's Curling! Week-end matches (Wilds and Colgan) will start on November 10th and 11th, and week-night events (Blanton) on Tuesday, November 6th. All Blanton Skips have been notified of their schedules, times on the ice, and rink members. IT IS UP TO EACH SKIP TO NOTIFY HIS OWN RINK MEMBERS OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL PLAYING TIMES.

Skips are:

WILDS (Co-Skips)

Brandt - Nolan  
Wells - Warriner  
Whitman - Doonan

Currie - Stewart  
Christie - Sibert

BLANTON

Hill  
Christie  
Warriner  
Nolan

Galloway  
Patterson  
Havens  
Heffner

Daschil  
Johnson  
MacIntosh  
Zonino

COLGAN

Wright  
Self  
Curi

Crockett  
Pike

LADIES' CURLING "FUNSPIEL" - NOVEMBER 9TH

This warm-up session will start at 10:00 A. M. Wear curling clothes, and bring your friends who may be interested in curling. There will be instruction for the new people, and a "Funspiel" for the veterans. We will break for lunch which will be served in the Warm Room, and then return to the ice.

We need to know the number of people planning to attend, so please call either Jinny Hill (591-9007) or Fran Currie (591-7499).

SEE YOU ALL ON THE ICE!

TEENAGE CURLING

Young people, ages 12 to 18, are invited to join the Teenage Curling Program. The teenagers have weekly curling sessions at Ardsley, and also participate in bonspiels at other curling clubs. They are joined with the teenagers at St. Andrews for further weekly practices, an activity which we hope to continue this year.

Parents of youngsters taking part in teenage curling will be asked to share the responsibilities of supervising weekly practices and chaperoning bonspiel rinks. It's fun and one soon finds that the teenage circuit cannot be matched in providing good curling, excitement, and boundless enthusiasm.

### NUTMEG ICELESS BONSPIEL

Six ardent Ardsley golfers journeyed to Darien on October 5th to participate in Nutmeg's Iceless. All gave a good account of themselves in this combined low gross event, losing to Nutmeg by only four shots. Len Warriner won the "Dailey Shillelagh", awarded to the best individual low gross score, as he did two years ago at St. Andrews. Since this prize was captured by Jim Zonino last year, Ardsley now has a three-year skein going.

The participants were:

Hans Daschil  
Ed Doonan  
Harry Thompson

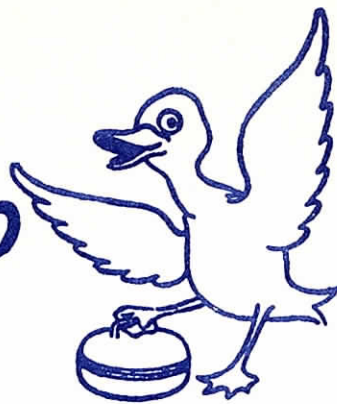
Andy Storer  
Len Warriner  
Jim Zonino

### TOMATO RAISING IN GUATEMALA

Yes, that's exactly what one of our long-time Ardsley curlers is doing these days. The details are somewhat sketchy, but George Shirk is engaged in just that! We'll miss Skip Shirk on the ice this season; we'll wish Farmer George good luck with his initial crop. As we glean more information, we'll certainly keep you posted.

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## A TRIBUTE

The untimely death of Robert F. Warner on May 17, 1973, ended a career of great achievement, filled with imagination and creativity, but it left a great hole in the lives of a far ranging circle of friends, especially of the dwindling group of early Ardsley curlers.

Ardsley was just maturing as a power in Grand National curling in the 1940's. Its membership, restricted by the lack of its own ice, had only one advantage--at least 60% of the membership were present for its Tuesday night competitions.

Like curling clubs, everywhere and at all times, it attracted to its fellowship gentlemen and competitors, who were congenial companions on or off the ice. Ardsley had a windfall in the early 1940's when Albert Koehl, Harold Sothern and Robert Warner joined the club.

They were keen curlers, but they were also an inseparable trio of happy, irrepressible purveyors of songs, stories and good fellowship. They helped make Ardsley a sought out competitor, not only for curling skills, but also for the fun and esprit de corps that add so much to Bonspiels.

The "Happiness Boys", as Ed Fiske so perceptively named them, were known and applauded both at home and all around the circuit.

Those of use who knew and loved them then, and who now revere them as the happy companions of earlier years, are much the poorer for their passing. Each complemented the others, and each had his own special flavor. "Bob" was the maestro, the ringleader, who, despite world-side business interests and problems, always sought and added zest to every occasion. In any assessment of the Ardsley Curling Club's stature among its peers, the "Happiness Boys" and their genial maestro, "Bob" Warner, deserve a special accolade for, on and off the ice, they helped to establish and maintain its deservedly high reputation.

We raise our brooms in tribute to a valiant competitor and friend!

### OPEN HOUSE SUCCESS

Approximately 50 prospective curlers gathered for the Fall 1973 Open House Invitational parties, held on the ice and in the Warm Room on November 10th and 11th. They received an excellent introduction to curling both from skilled instruction and from actual participation in scratch matches. While five of these prospects signed on as members immediately, the efforts of others on the ice were cheered by Ardsley curlers and friends. Many appeared genuinely enthusiastic, so this method of recruiting can be considered very successful. We thank the Committee who planned these events. A very special thanks go to the Broadhursts who hosted a large contingent of guests.

Jim Zonino's Admissions Committee sent letters to all prospects, enclosing an application blank. Mailings to those members who invited guests have also been prepared in order to stress the importance of the "follow-up" phase. SPONSORS PLEASE NOTE. The Committee can carry the ball only so far. Beyond that, it's up to the individual. Please take the first opportunity to speak to your friends, and use that little extra persuasion which may be enough to overcome any slight indecision.

The Club's thanks go to all curlers who attended to generate enthusiasm, lend support, aid in instruction, and help tend (enjoy?) the bar. Let's all hope the results of this equate with the efforts devoted to it.

### LADIES' CURLING OPEN HOUSE AND FUNSPIEL

Fran Currie and the Committee made this 1973 opening day a truly fun event. All of us met over coffee in the Warm Room on Friday morning, November 9th. Margaret Smith provided excellent instruction for our ten prospective members and guests. The more seasoned curlers limbered up in scrambled "scratch" matches. We returned to the Warm Room for a gourmet luncheon of soup, sandwiches and dessert. Afterwards, some stalwart souls returned to the ice for further instruction and practice.

Special thanks to Betsy Fidler, Fran Garred, Jeanne Heffner, and Jinny Hill for their contributions to the success of this event.

### PRACTICE AND TRAINING SESSIONS

Between now and the end of the calendar year, there will be four more scheduled sessions for practice and instruction. An experienced instructor will be in charge of the instruction at each session. All new curlers are urged to attend all or as many of these sessions as possible. The times and dates are as follows:

8:00 P.M.	Thursday, November 29th
8:00 P.M.	Thursday, December 6th
8:00 P.M.	Thursday, December 13th
8:00 P.M.	Thursday, December 20th

## MEN'S CURLING EVENTS

Particularly for the benefit of the newer members, the Curling Committee wants to explain the various club competitions and the selection of Skips and Rinks. In the first half of the season, November to mid-January, there are three competitions:

BLANTON - Weeknights, intraclub competition for all curlers. This event is a ten-team round robin.

WILDS - Weekends, interclub competition against St. Andrew's, N. Y. Caledonian and Mahopac teams. This competition is a sixteen-team round robin, with Ardsley entering five teams of senior curlers. These five rinks have co-skips who are considered to be the ten highest rated curlers in our club.

COLGAN - Weekends, intraclub competition for junior curlers. This event will be a five-team round robin comprised of all Ardsley curlers who are not in the Wilds competition. Skips are selected by the Committee on the basis of ratings and consideration of giving experience to junior curlers who generally have had little experience as Skips.

RATING SYSTEM - At the end of each curling season, all Skips submit a rating for all curlers whom they feel qualified to rate. These submittals are averaged for each person and that average becomes his rating for the next season. These ratings are used by the Curling Committee in selection of Skips and in making up the teams. Although admittedly this rating system is imperfect, it does assist the Committee in trying to balance the teams so that each team is comprised of curlers with nearly equal experience and ability. New curlers have no rating and are arbitrarily assigned to teams. These ratings are only for use by the Committee and are not divulged to members outside the Committee.

We are pleased to announce that Burns Patterson is Chairman of the Curling Committee. Burns replaces Jim Christie who could not continue with this most important assignment. We're sure that Burns will have the full encouragement, assistance and cooperation of all curlers. Burns would be glad to answer any questions you may have concerning Men's Curling Events.

## BLANTON SCHEDULE REVISED

All curlers should have received the revised Blanton schedule and rink compositions. If not, please contact your Skip! This change was prompted, unfortunately, by the reduced number of available men curlers. Without factoring in any new members, male curling strength now allows only ten rinks. Sufficient numbers are not available to run the traditional twelve rink competition, and to allow tolerance for those instances on which some rink members must be absent for a scheduled match.

Skips Jim Christie and Lee Heffner graciously withdrew, thus allowing their rinks to augment the strength of others.

Along similar lines, the COLGAN competition is manned by a bare minimum of curlers. Please bend every effort to meet each of your assigned curling times.

### LADIES CURLING

Schedules and other materials have been mailed to all participants. The Sports Committee urges that the ladies read carefully all material. Additional information will be posted on the downstairs bulletin board.

The Bonspiel Chairman urges all those interested to sign up for the Three Brooms Competition, the first round of which will be held on Friday, December 7th, at St. Andrews. The Three Brooms competition is an interclub round robin in which we compete with rinks from the Westchester Wicks and Nutmeg. Senior Skips and their rinks compete in the mornings; Junior Skips and their rinks play in the afternoon.

### MIXED CURLING

This competition started Saturday, November 10th, with the first of three series of matches constituting a scramble. Schedules have been sent to all who have signed up to participate in Mixed. If any one wishes to become part of this "fun and curling" activity, please call Bill or Aldine Havens at (914) 693-0176. Bill and Aldine must also plan ahead for the next competition. Please let them know when you can or cannot curl during the busy Christmas and holiday season.

### COURTESY ON THE ICE

Two years ago, Dick Wells proffered some excellent thoughts on curling courtesy. We'd like to repeat them here.

1. The player making the shot and the skip calling the shot are entitled to the fullest opportunity to concentrate without any distraction from other players in the same game. This means specifically: (a) that if you are waiting your turn to play next, you should stand up on the platform off the ice, back of your opponent and out of his vision. You should keep completely still until he has delivered his stone. Several times recently I have noticed while a player was about to deliver his stone his opposite number walking around on the ice behind and beside him, moving stones and otherwise creating a distraction; (b) If you are waiting your turn to sweep when the opponent is about to deliver his stone, you should stand as far to the side of the sheet as possible, well out of the line of vision of the player and his skip, and you should keep absolutely still while the stone is being delivered; and (c) If you are in the house area, either as skip or vice skip, when your opponents are about to deliver a stone, you should take a position behind and to the side of the opposite skip, you should hold your broom in a horizontal position and should keep completely still. Remember please: only one player on each side (the skip or his vice) is entitled to be on the ice and in the house area at any one time.

2. Be ready to play when your turn comes. This means (unless your skip has to confer with you at the house end of the rink -- which, incidentally, is justified only occasionally, and then is usually confined to thirds and skips) that you should go to the platform at the rear of the hack and wait there until your opponent has delivered his stone. Then you should prepare immediately to deliver your own stone. We have some members -- veterans at that -- who are never ready, who wait at the opposite hog line until their opponent has played, and then saunter slowly down to the hack, change their rubbers or perform some other business and generally take their own sweet time about getting ready to play. In this connection, may I say that it is my personal view, which others may not share, that the practice which has crept into the game in the past ten years whereby so many players feel obliged to move their opponent's stone out of the corner prior to delivery of their own stone is a great waste of time and may not actually be the courtesy intended. Many players prefer to pick their own stone out of the corner rather than have an opponent pick one out for them. If you must pick out your opponent's stone, wait until you have delivered your own stone.

3. A suggestion for all skips, particularly the more experienced skips. We have a number of competitions designed to give less experienced skips the opportunity to learn this difficult art. The spirit of these competitions is that experienced skips playing in other positions on rinks being managed by younger skips refrain during the actual play of an end from detailed coaching or other interference with the skip in charge of the rink. Regardless of his skill as a player or as a skip, the designated skip of your rink is entitled to your full support during the play of any particular game. This means that you counsel him when asked, but you do not inflict your own views on him while he is calling a shot for you or others, deciding about his own shot or playing his stone. In my experience, there is nothing more likely to detract from the ability of a skip to make his own shot than to be second-guessed by other members of his rink, particularly if these members happen to be players of greater experience. The time for coaching a junior skip is preferably before or after the game or between ends, but not while play is in progress.

4. I have been surprised to observe some players applauding a miss by their opponents. Brooms-up is for good shots, your teammates' or opponents', but never, please, for misses.

We hope these suggestions will be helpful and will add to our enjoyment of the game.

#### ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT???

We plan to print the news, and all of it, if you, the officers, committee chairmen, and individual curlers, give us a hand. Each DUCK SOUP carries from 12 to 15 news items. We have received in writing an average of two items per issue. All other news has been gathered orally on Penn Central platforms, at the grocery store, and on the phone while Carol or Joe scrambles with pen and paper in sub-standard writing and concentrating conditions.

We need your help!!! Please drop us a note covering any item of information which you think might be of interest to the membership at large.

### RESULTS OF MATCHES

Please cooperate in making sure that the results of all matches are entered in the book in the Warm Room. It is customary that the No. 2 on the winning rink make the entry, but it is the skip's responsibility to see that it is done.

This is the means by which the curling chairmen can determine the standings in the various events.

### WE ARE SPOILED

Because Larry Richardson and the House Committee have kept our ice beautiful and immaculately clean, some of us have forgotten the need to keep our shoes and curling boots clean. Be sure that your shoes are free of all dust and grit before entering the building. Please do not use the same pair of shoes for both curling and street wear. One does not need special curling shoes or boots to curl, but one should clean and reserve the footwear one uses while playing especially for wear on the ice during the season.

### CURLING GEAR AND CLOTHING

As in the past, Bill Maloney at the St. Andrews' Pro Shop will carry a complete line of curling paraphernalia. Items are available for sale between 8:30 and 6:00 on Monday through Friday. The phone number of St. Andrews' Club is (914) GR 8-3500.

The next issue of DUCK SOUP will catalogue Christmas gift suggestions for curlers available at Ardsley.

### PROBLEMS AT START OF SEASON

We probably all know of the unfortunate and unavoidable happenstances which plagued us during the past two weeks. The Board and Officers certainly appreciate the patience and understanding shown by all members, and wish to thank them for their forbearance.

All should know that Bob Hill and Ed Doonan, plus various committee members, did all within their power to minimize the delays, including spending many hours at the rink. In Bob's case, we happen to know that he spent the post-midnight hours awaiting Con Edison's truck, sitting in his car in the middle of a dark parking lot.

Now that these problems are behind us, let's all look forward to a successful curling season.

# MEN'S STANDINGS

Although the season is young, it might be remiss not to report the results through November 16th.

## WILDS

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
A-1 Brandt/Nolan	2	0
C-1	1	0
C-2	1	0
C-3	1	0
S-2	1	0
S-3	1	0
S-4	1	0
A-5 Hill/Sibert	1	1
S-5	1	1
E-1	0	1
S-1	0	1
A-2 Wells/Warriner	0	2
A-3 Whitman/Doonan	0	2
A-4 Currie/Stewart	0	2
M-2	0	0
M-3	0	0

We will have other clubs' Skips' names in the next issue.

## BLANTON

B- 2 Warriner	1	0
B- 8 Johnson	1	0
B-10 Zonino	1	0
B- 1 Hill	0	1
B- 3 Nolan	0	1
B- 9 MacIntosh	0	1
B- 4 Galloway	0	0
B- 5 Patterson	0	0
B- 6 Havens	0	0
B- 7 Daschil	0	0

## COLGAN

C-1 Hewitt	1	0
C-3 Curi	1	0
C-4 Crockett	1	0
C-5 Fike	0	1
C-2 Broadhurst	0	2

Joe and Carol Keenan  
Editors

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## NEW MEMBERS

Our successful Open House of early November permits us to welcome ten curlers new to the men's events, and six new couples to the mixed. Five ladies have joined that division of the Ardsley Curling Club. Henry Eager curled in the mixed last year, and Dan Porter returns to male curling after a few years' absence.

We'll list the eight men completely new to curling:

Donald Grunewald, Ardsley-on-Hudson  
Gordon deB. Joyce, Bronxville  
Henry O. Karoly, New York  
Arthur T. Leary, Irvington-on-Hudson  
John L. Marion, Dobbs Ferry  
Hartmut Stollreiter, Larchmont  
George S. Sturtz, Irvington-on-Hudson  
Kaytaro G. Sugahara, Dobbs Ferry

Our new mixed couples are:

Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Abrams, Irvington-on-Hudson  
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Kaplan, Irvington-on-Hudson  
Mr. & Mrs. Gunnar Kramm, Ossining  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur T. Leary, Irvington-on-Hudson  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Marks, Irvington-on-Hudson  
Mr. & Mrs. Frederic Neilson, Tarrytown

And finally, our neophyte ladies:

Mrs. John de Roos, Irvington-on-Hudson  
Mrs. Thomas C. Guthrie, Irvington-on-Hudson  
Mrs. Thomas J. Schillerstrom, Scarsdale  
Mrs. Sidney C. Werner, Scarsdale  
Mrs. Douglas Wilson, Irvington-on-Hudson

We look forward to meeting you, welcoming you, and curling with you.

### MEMBERSHIP ROSTER CORRECTION

Kindly make this change to your roster:

Mrs. Douglas Wilson's telephone number should be 591-7028.

### MEN'S AND MIXED OUT-OF-TOWN BONSPIELS

Dick Wells is in charge of lining up Ardsley rinks to go to out-of-town men's and mixed bonspiels. There are nine more of these events available in the Grand National for men and 14 for mixed, as follows:

<u>Men's</u>		<u>Mixed</u>	
Jan. 10-13	Utica	Jan. 5-6	Buffalo
Jan. 10-13	Nashua	Jan. 10-13	Winchester
Jan. 18-20	Wellesley	Jan. 25-27	Braeburn
Jan. 24-27	Albany	Jan. 31-Feb. 3	Schenectady
Feb. 7-10	Greater Boston	Jan. 31-Feb. 3	The Country Club
Feb. 14-17	Granite State	Feb. 7-10	Nashua
Feb. 21-24	The Country Club	Feb. 14-17	Utica
Feb. 22-24	Dykes-Winchester	Feb. 23-24	Rochester
Feb. 28-Mar. 3	Schenectady	Feb. 23-Mar. 3	Hershey
		Feb. 28-Mar. 3	Weston
		Mar. 8-10	Norfolk
		Mar. 8-10	Buffalo
		Mar. 15-17	Petersham
		Mar. 21-24	Nutmeg

As anyone who has ever gone on a bonspiel will tell you, these competitions are the most enjoyable of all curling experiences. You usually have three days of curling, plenty of socializing in between with the other curlers, and in general a terrific time.

We are trying to organize more Ardsley rinks to go away this year, and we hope to provide an experienced skip to lead Ardsley in almost every one of the events listed above. A sign-up sheet has been provided on the bulletin board of the Club. In addition, there is enclosed a return postcard addressed to Dick Wells for use in advising him if you are interested. While he cannot guarantee that everyone who wants to go can be accommodated, every effort will be made to work something out for all members who are interested in bonspieling.

### ARDSLEY MIXED BONSPIEL

This major curling and social event is scheduled for January 18th through the 20th. As it is an "open" affair, Ed Brandt asks that any curler who wishes to see a particular Club invited get in touch with him at (914) 591-7078.

This would be an excellent opportunity for mixed curlers to renew social acquaintances with other Clubs' members, and to reciprocate the hospitality our curlers have been shown. Also, after speaking with Ed, the curler who is "sponsoring" another Club should pursue the invitation with their friends on a personal basis.

A sign up sheet will be posted for all Ardsley couples who wish to participate. We want at least four rinks to be available for playdowns, from which a certain number will enter the competition depending upon participation by other clubs.

#### LADIES' BONSPIEL ENTRANCE POLICY

From Ellen Boldt, we have received the Ladies' bonspiel entrance policy as follows:

1. As soon as a bonspiel invitation is received, the bonspiel chairman will post the name of the host club and the dates on the monthly sheets on the Ladies' Curling bulletin board.
2. Any skip wishing to take a rink should contact the skips' representative or the bonspiel chairman.
3. A play-off match (es) will be scheduled by the Sports Committee chairman if more than one rink is interested.
4. Notification of intent to participate must be given four weeks prior to the starting date.

Skips are strongly urged to form rinks, so that Ardsley's ladies will participate in as many events as possible.

#### PLAINFIELD LADIES' "KNOCKOUT"

A bright and beautiful Monday morning greeted the rink as it left for this Bonspiel. The team comprised Betsy Fisler (lead), Ellen Boldt (second), Barbara Brandt (vice), and Sirkka Whitman (skip). In their first match, Ardsley triumphed by 12-0 in six ends, defeating a Plainfield rink skipped by Barb Gabrielson. In the afternoon, Plainfield's Maureen Fuller and her rink turned the tables by 9-7. Thus, the name of the Bonspiel -- "Knockout". First event winner was Margaret Smith's Westchester Wicks rink, while the second event went to Pat Miller's Plainfield rink.

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The mixed curling members can again look forward to this wonderful social affair combining curling with other aspects of Auld Lang Syne. For those couples who haven't attended, the evening is marked by good food prepared by volunteers (nominal charge), and three two-end matches for all spaced throughout the evening. The third activity is naturally obvious.

As we recollect, the high point of the evening (actually, after midnight) is a men's and a ladies' cold draw contest, with prizes which have varied. Perhaps not surprisingly, the gals seem to do much better than the fellows. The comment, "the button is somewhere down there," is a common plaintive wail.

Seriously, mark your calendar for this fun evening. There will shortly be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please reserve your places early. This will greatly aid the committee both in drawing up equitable match pairings and in making a reasonable estimate of food requirements.

### FREE ICE AND PRACTICE

Ed Sibert's instruction sessions run each Thursday at 8:00 through December 20th. It's an excellent way for experienced and novice curler alike to get some pointers from skilled instructors. As some sheets are free during these sessions, it's also an excellent opportunity for enjoyable pick-up matches or individual practice.

Depending upon the turnout for these sessions between now and the 20th, Ed will expand or contract them as circumstances seem to dictate.

A separate mailing from Bill and Aldine Havens to mixed curlers observed that free ice is also available each Saturday evening from 7:30 on. Any interested couples should first call the Havens at (914) 693-0176 for clearance, key possession, etc.

### THE CURLER'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST

The last issue of DUCK SOUP promised a catalog of gift suggestions for curlers. Here it is:

#### (1) NEW BROOMS

You may have noticed some sparkling new corn brooms in use in recent weeks. Ron Currie and Alex MacKenzie were instrumental in enabling the Club to obtain a shipment from Canada. There is a plentiful supply still available for sale to members. The brooms are of several brand names, and are of both light and medium weight. Call Ed Doonan at (914) 591-8191 if you are interested in purchasing one.

#### (2) PINS, LIGHTERS, ETC.

This year Bob Murphy has assumed responsibility for sale of curling-oriented items. Contact him at (914) 941-3759, or ask him about these accessories when you see him in the Warm Room.

#### (3) NEW CURLING PUBLICATION

Sports Illustrated has published "Curling Techniques and Strategy" by Mulvoy and Richardson (no, not Larry). The

cover in hardback costs \$4.95, while the paperback edition sells for \$2.95. Call Bob Hill at (914) 591-9007 if you are interested.  
*Bob Hill*

Since there are relatively few books on curling available locally, this seems to be an opportunity for all to add to their library at a minimum of inconvenience and cost.

#### IMPROVED ICE MAKING EQUIPMENT

With grateful appreciation to Bruce Crockett, the Club now has tripled its supply of hot water used in maintaining the surface ice. Bruce supplied a tank with much greater capacity than our old one, thus permitting the blending of hot and cold water to a more satisfactory temperature. Heretofore the limited supply of hot water resulted only in a lukewarm temperature, not ideally suited to Larry Richardson's high standard of maintenance.

Minor assistance ( the word "minor" on request ) was rendered by Ed Doonan who helped with the piping system. Our kudos to Bruce, and our great thanks to both Bruce and Ed.

#### THE BASKETS RETURN

The saga of the baskets has ended. All of us who waited with bated breath for the return of the orange wicker baskets may now sigh with relief. They were recently returned by a person or persons who shall remain nameless. The dinner parties may now proceed full steam ahead!

#### A REPEATED PLEA

Since a second effort resulted in return of the baskets, perhaps another appeal regarding the hack backstops will also be successful. Last year, someone (we forget whom) promised he (she) could provide the Club with new and improved material to replace the rubberized cushioning behind the hacks. Would this responsible party please come forth????

#### LANDSCAPING

We all have noticed the floral improvements and reinforced earthworks paralleling the walkway alongside the ice house. These pleasing and beautifying changes were wrought by our master gardener, Joe Curi. He brought to the Club's benefit all the experience gained in maintaining his own fine gardens on Meadow Way.

#### POWER FAILURE ADDENDUM

The last issue of DUCK SOUP gave Bob Hill all the credit for sitting in the parking lot awaiting Con Edison. Joining him in that

vigil, and helping in general throughout the night were Ed Doonan and Larry Richardson. Thanks again to all three.

#### WELCOME BACK, MARGARET

The mixed curlers who competed on Saturday, December 1st, had the joyful pleasure of renewing their friendship with Margaret Wiesenthal. She showed her touch was still there, teaming up with Bob Fisler and Joe Curi in one of the scramble matches.

Margaret was en route from Maine to North Carolina for the winter months, but could not be persuaded to tarry here during the curling season. She asked to be remembered to all of her old friends, and we respond by wishing her good luck and warm weather.

#### FORTY ONE YEARS A CURLER!

A fact unknown to many, if not most of our membership, is that Mait Griggs is the sole remaining Ardsley Charter Member still actively curling with our Club! By our reckoning that adds up to 41 years. The Ardsley Curling Club was founded in 1932.

Many more happy curling years, Mait!!

#### MID-SEASON OPEN HOUSE

Details are being assembled, but there will definitely be a one day Open House in early to mid-January. Start talking this up with your friends and associates now, so that they can plan for it. Jim Zonino will be getting out the specifics before too long.

#### PREVIOUS DUCK SOUP ISSUES

For the benefit of our new curlers, we will have available in the Warm Room a limited number of back issues of DUCK SOUP '73-'74. These back issues contain tips on curling courtesies and information on where to purchase curling supplies. If you will take this opportunity to pick up your copy, it will save us a great deal in postage.

# MEN'S SCORES

Through December 3rd, the standings in the various competitions are these.

## WILDS

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SKIPS</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
A-5	Hill/Sibert	6	2
C-3	Cooper	6	2
S-3	Lawrence	6	2
A-1	Brandt/Nolan	5	3
A-2	Wells/Warriner	5	3
S-4	McKay	5	3
S-5	Nauss	5	3
A-4	Currie/Stewart	4	4
M-3	Finegan	4	4
S-2	Heidelburger	4	4
C-1	Jasmine	3	5
C-2	Baker	3	5
S-1	Dunn	3	5
A-3	Whitman/Doonan	2	6
M-1	Switzer	2	6
M-2	Stock	1	7

## BLANTON

B- 8	Johnson	3	0
B-10	Zonino	3	0
B- 6	Havens	2	0
B- 4	Galloway	1	1
B- 7	Daschil	1	1
B- 1	Hill	1	2
B- 2	Warriner	1	2
B- 9	MacIntoch	1	2
B- 5	Patterson	0	2
B- 3	Nolan	0	3

## COLGAN

C-3	Curi	4	1
C-4	Crockett	3	1
C-1	Hewett	2	1
C-5	Fike	1	3
C-2	Broadhurst	0	4

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## ARDSLEY MIXED BONSPIEL

Ardsley's Mixed Bonspiel will be held January 18-20. We will need several Ardsley rinks to please sign up on the bulletin board or let Ed Brandt know of your interest. On Friday, January 18th, cocktails and dinner will be held at Woodland Lake Restaurant and Saturday night dinners will be hosted in the homes of clubmembers.

The entry fee for this bonspiel is \$85.00 per rink which includes both dinners as well as lunch each day at the Curling Club. For non-bonspiel participants the Friday dinner will be \$8.00 per person and the Saturday dinner is \$6.00 per person.

All mixed curlers are urged to attend either or both of these dinners to help welcome our out-of-town guests.

## MID-SEASON OPEN HOUSE

Circle Saturday, January 5th, as the date when you will help this Open House be as successful as the early November ones! Jim Zoninc has scheduled the hours 2:00 to 5:00 for introducing prospective members to the sport of curling. As you may recall, the earlier events yielded eight new men and six mixed couples, in addition to five ladies.

Talk it up among your social and business acquaintances, and let's all try to top the number of recruits so far this year.

## HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL

The fourth Headless Horseman Bonspiel will be held February 1-3 at the Ardsley Curling Club. All male Ardsley curlers - young and old, experienced and inexperienced, new curlers and men curling only in the mixed - are urged to participate.

For those readers who haven't heard about it before, this is an intracub event played in the same manner and style as a bonspiel. Each four man team is guaranteed a minimum of two games, and the first and second place rinks are awarded medals.

A cocktail party and dinner for curlers and their wives will be held Saturday, February 2nd, at a place to be announced. Sign up now on the sheet posted on the bulletin board, or call Pete Murphy at home (914-762-2684).

#### TOP AMERICAN TEAM

On December 7th, a group of four Ardsley curlers and their wives traveled to Montebello, Quebec, Canada, where the men participated in the 34th International Friendly Curling Games hosted by the Seigniory Curling Club.

Not only did our voyagers have a great time, but they were also the top American team in the competition and won second prize behind a Canadian team.

With Ron Currie (Skip), Bob "W. W." (ask him what it means) Whitman (Vice), Bob Hill (Two), and Bill Havens (Lead), Ardsley played three Canadian rinks. They lost their first match to Jack Nutter's Seigniory rink by a 9-7 score, but then recovered to beat Bruce Tingley's Habitat '67 rink by 12-3 and Ted Pattee's Pointe Claire rink 14-4.

At the conclusion of all matches, Ardsley was tied with Stan Neill's Winchester C. C. rink for top American honors. Since Ardsley had scored more points than Winchester, Ron Currie's group carried away the prize.

#### NORFOLK BONSPIEL

On December 7th, 8th, and 9th, Messrs. Sibert, Warriner, May, and Hyan represented Ardsley at the Norfolk, Conn. Men's Bonspiel. After losing close matches to two Canadian rinks (Dixie and Bedford), our rink came up with a win against Plainfield. Socially, the week-end was a tremendous success; and, after their exposure at Norfolk, our men strongly recommend bonspielling for anyone who hasn't tried it.

#### SANTA CLAUS GOOD TO THE CLUB

We have been aiming for some time toward giving our warm room a "color lift"; you will see we now have it. There are some people involved in this effective result we should tell you about.

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The Ardsley Curling Club wishes to express its gratitude to Edward Finegan of Mahopac for procuring the fabric used to make the seat covers in the Warm Room. THANKS "NED".

Joe Curi's enthusiastic promotion, coupled with Evelyn's talents for patterning, sewing, and instructing, got the project well on its way. Jean Murphy and Sirkka Whitman generously found time during this busy holiday period to assist in the effort, so that the results could be seen New Year's Eve. Great work all around -- that is what makes things tick in our curling group!!

During this past summer, some of the flags were ripped off the walls of the rink. Ron and Fran Currie donated two to replace the lost ones -- the Canadian flag on the left, plus the Caledonian one on the right. Many thanks to both of you.

Thanks to Charlie Upjohn, the Club now has a set of quoits (very hard to find or buy) used at summer Bonspiels. We'll have more on this later.

After reading the above, you'll certainly agree that Santa was more than generous this year!

#### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DECORATIONS

The entire Club joins in saluting all those girls whose fine work on holiday decorations looks so very good and cheerful. The committee was headed by Florence Mattison and Fran Currie.

#### COUNTRY CLUB BILLING ERROR

Computer billing does have its problems, as most of us know from personal experience. Over the past few months Ardsley had theirs, which are now being corrected. Bar purchases at the rink do apply against the annual minimum, in spite of not being so treated on the last statement.

If any member feels that Curling Club expenditures should have gone against his minimum, please contact Joe Curi or Ed Doonan who will see that the proper correction is made.

#### BAR OPEN TO COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERS

During the ten week period that the Ardsley Country Club is closed, arrangements have been made to allow its members to use our bar on week-ends. This gives us yet another opportunity to expose non-curlers to our sport, and to see us in action.

#### MARGARET WIESENTHAL'S ADDRESS

As promised, we report Margaret's winter mailing address for those who wish to drop her a note.

General Delivery, Pinehurst, N. Carolina 28374

#### MAIT GRIGGS REPLIES

We will print in its entirety a letter received from Mait.

"It was with interest that I noted the recent reference to me in DUCK SOUP as having been 'forty-one years a curler.'

Since a lot of people must wonder why, in that case, I'm not a more skillful one, and as ~~part~~ explanation therefore let me say that, though it is true I was a charter member of the Ardsley Curling Club, there were many years that I was, for a variety of reasons, 'hors de combat', rejoining after a lapse of many years.

With your wish that I have 'many more years of happy curling' I heartily concur and for it I thank you.

Sincerely,  
Mait

We can add little except "encore" to the last paragraph.

#### ROSTER ADDITION

Kindly add Adam and Marguerite Buncshosky to our list of new mixed curlers. Address and phone numbers are:

Braeside Lane, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. 10522  
(914) 693-5028 (Home)  
(212) 997-6645 (Bus.)

#### MEN'S SECOND HALF COMPETITION

As a refresher for all, and in way of explanation for new curlers, here are the men's events for the second half.

THORNDIKE - an interclub, week-end competition played on Ardsley ice only, for all senior curlers. Schedule starts Saturday, January 26th.

WINDLEE - an intraclub, week-night event, for all Ardsley curlers. Competition begins Tuesday, January 15th.

JUG OGDEN - an interclub, week-end event played at Ardsley and Saint Andrews. Participants are junior curlers not competing in the Thorndike. Play begins Saturday, Jan. 12th.

## LADIES' CURLING

The first event of the Three Brooms competition was held at the Saint Andrews' Curling Club on Friday, December 7th. Two Ardsley rinks competed in the Senior event in the morning. Ardsley #1 (Barbara Brandt, Skip; Helen Ray, Carol Keenan, and Carol Meszaros) lost to a Wicks' team, 9-3. Ardsley #2 (Alice Nolan, Skip; Bobbie Patterson, Florence Mattison, and Katzie Andrews) lost to Nutmeg, 10-4.

In the afternoon matches for junior Skips, Mary Jean Keenan's Ardsley rink won, while the Ardsley rink skipped by Ellen Boldt lost their game.

The second event of the Three Brooms will be held at Ardsley on Friday, January 11th. The junior Skip matches are scheduled in the morning, beginning promptly at 9:30. The senior matches are scheduled for 1:00 P.M. There will be a sign up sheet on the Ladies' bulletin board. All curlers are urged to indicate their interest in participating in these events by signing up promptly.

## WILDS FINAL STANDINGS - ARDSLEY RINK WILDS!

A skein of NINE CONSECUTIVE VICTORIES won the Wilds championship for the rink co-skipped by Ron Currie and Chuck Stewart. After standing at 2 wins and 4 losses on November 25th, the team really put on the pressure and took their next 9 matches to finish one game ahead of Don McKay's Saint Andrews' rink. We salute these two fine co-skips, together with their all-important supporting team mates comprising Chuck Galloway, Harold Hall, Bob and Pete Murphy, Harry Thompson, and Jim Zonino.

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SKIPS</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
A-4	Currie/Stewart	11	4
S-4	McKay	10	5
A-5	Hill/Sibert	9	6
C-3	Cocper	9	6
S-3	Lawrence	9	6
S-5	Nauss	9	6
A-1	Brandt/Nolan	8	7
A-2	Wells/Warriner	8	7
C-1	Jasmine	7	7 *
A-3	Whitman/Doonan	7	8
C-2	Baker	6	8 *
S-1	Dunn	7	8
S-2	Heidelburger	5	8 *
M-3	Finegan	6	9
M-1	Switzer	4	11
M-2	Stock	3	12

\* Not all results recorded

# COLGAN - CURI'S RINK WINS

Although they have one match remaining, Joe Curi's rink has won the Colgan competition. Their six victories can not be matched by any other team, with the schedule ending on January 5th. Joe's victorious rink consisted additionally of Charlie Bennett, Joe Keenan, John Marion, Charlie Moore, and Wally Ryan.

Second place will not be decided until at least the last day, as Bruce Crockett's rink needs a win in order to tie John Hewett's; a play-off for second could be the result.

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SKIF</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
C-3	Curi	6	1
C-1	Hewett	5	3
C-4	Crockett	4	3
C-2	Broadhurst	2	6
C-5	Fike	2	6

# BLANTON - STILL UNDECIDED

With two matches remaining, Bill Johnson's rink is assured of at least a tie for the championship. Their undefeated team can be overtaken only by Burns Patterson or Bill Havens, one of whose rinks must win their last three while hoping Bill wins his two. Although these two teams now have identical records, they play each other in one of the matches postponed because of the power failure on November 14th.

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SKIF</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
B-8	Johnson	7	0
B-5	Patterson	4	2
B-6	Havens	4	2
B-1	Hill	4	3
B-10	Zonino	4	3
B-4	→ Galloway	2	4
B-7	Daschil	2	4
B-2	Warriner	2	5
B-3	→ Nolan	2	5
B-9	MacIntosh	2	5

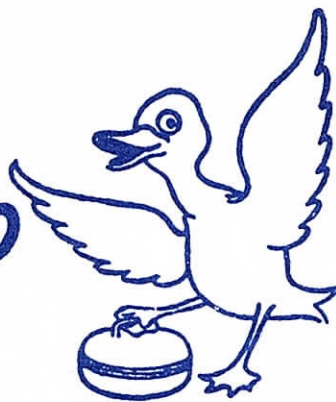
# STOP PRESS

Dick Wells' rink defeated Ken Cooper's Caledonia rink for the 1973 Thorndike trophy. They ended in a tie last season, and all had to wait until December 30th to see who would emerge the winner. Ken won in 1972 but couldn't put victories back-to-back.

Congratulations to Dick and his rink - Jim Christie, Bob Hill, and Alex MacKenzie

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## WE HAVE LOST TWO GOOD FRIENDS

We note with profound sorrow the loss of two of our good friends.

Elfie Bernhardt was a natural athlete. Her lithe grace was a joy to watch. Her wry humor and ready laugh always helped us to remember the true nature of friendly competition. She was readily available to give a tip on form to the novice. Her generous spirit was not limited solely to the sports world. She gave of herself to her family, her village, and her community.

Libby Marshall's smile lit up every room she entered. Her champagne personality brightened the lives of all whom she encountered. Libby's vocabulary did not contain the word "no". While she fought a personal battle against great odds, her thoughts and actions were directed always toward others and to their needs.

We are grateful that our lives have been touched by these two warm, generous, and lively spirits. We shall greatly miss them. The entire curling community expresses its sincere sympathy to Lawrence Bernhardt and his sons, and to William Marshall and his children. Our club and our community share your loss.

## WATCH YOUR SLIDE

Despite the proposed change in the sliding rule, as printed in the November issue of Curling News, the GNCC rule is unchanged - the curler must come to a complete stop before any part of the body or equipment reaches the nearest hog line, etc. Minutes of the fall meeting will confirm the GNCC position.

## FUNICULAR

All curlers are undoubtedly aware of the fact that the funicular has been out of order for quite some time. The machinery

was not designed for operation in severe winter weather and especially in the type of snow, sleet, and freezing rain we have had recently.

The problem arises when snow and ice accumulate on the track, causing the car to ride up and over the automatic stop mechanism without shutting off the motor. When this happens, the car is pulled into the motor housing, causing damage to the car and possibly the motor as well.

The Country Club has asked that we not use the trolley should future ice and snow storms cause the same condition.

### MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

This year the United States Men's Curling Association National Championship will be held in Schenectady on March 4th through the 9th. As in past years, the success of the event depends heavily upon the dollars raised through the Patrons' Fund. These proceeds are used to help defray expenses of our National Championship, as well as to send our winner to the World Championship.

Anyone interested in becoming a Patron can do so by sending to Bob Hill a check for \$10.00, payable to the U. S. Men's Curling Association. In return, you will receive a ticket entitling you to free admission to all events. A Patron will also receive a souvenir program and a Patron's emblem, and will be listed in the program.

The deadline for inclusion in the program is February 1st, so please send in your contribution promptly.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

Sixty-odd mixed curlers ate, drank, and "did their thing" from 8 p.m. until well after midnight on December 31st. The Warm Room, seasonally bedecked, was the center of activity for much reminiscing, story telling, missed shot "explanations", and Alabama-Notre Dame football for a hardy knot of viewers.

Each rink (chosen by the committee) curled thrice for two ends, with a point system determining the victor. As your authors seem to recall, Bob and Sirkka Whitman's rink, led by Bill and Winona Zabriskie, won by virtue of whitewashing each opponent.

The ladies' cold draw contest was captured by one of our young, new members -- Barbara Caspers, who was given tough competition by Fippa Broadhurst. "Old pro" Larry Richardson conquered in the men's phase of this event.

Those on the ice at a certain moment witnessed a very rare and historic event. Ed Brandt fell at the end of one of those long, graceful slides of his!! When questioned amid incredulous onlookers, Ed said he does it every New Year's Eve.

Special thanks should certainly go to Jean and Herb Macintosh and their committee. No, we don't know when it all ended, as we left around 2:00 A. M.

#### ARDSLEY MIXED BONSPIEL

An Ardsley rink won the first event of our own mixed Bonspiel, as Ed and Barbara Brandt (along with Bob and Ginny Hill) triumphed over 14 other rinks on January 18-20. The other finalist in that match was a team comprising Ed and Anita Doonan, teamed with Burns and Bobbie Patterson. The second event was taken by a Brae Burn rink led by Bill Cousins and Helen Olson, while the third event went to Joe and Muriel Eby's Hershey rink.

The Warm Room saw many people stopping in to watch some excellent curling throughout the course of the 3 days. Hearty lunches were served to participants in the Warm Room, and all are appreciative of the hard work on the part of Mary Jean Keenan and her committee. A cocktail party and dinner at Woodlands restaurant added to Friday evening's enjoyment. The Fislars, Havens, Joe Keenans, and Wells hosted parties and dinners at their homes on Saturday, with various tales circulating of further partying after these gatherings broke up.

A tired, weary, but very happy 60 curlers returned to their regular routines Monday morning, with bright memories of the fun of bonspielsing. We express our great appreciation to Ed and Barbara Brandt for the fine job they did in organizing and conducting the 'spiel.

#### HEADLESS HORSEMAN

As previously announced, our fourth Headless Horseman Bonspiel will be held on January 31 - February 3. Approximately 13 men's rinks have been formulated, and the schedule should be mailed shortly to all participants.

A cocktail party and dinner for curlers in the competition (and their wives) will be given in the Warm Room on Saturday night between 6:30 and 10:00.

#### U. S. W. C. A. BONSPIEL

This National Bonspiel, the most important event in Women's curling, will be held at St. Andrew's and Ardsley on February 13th through the 16th. The ladies of both Clubs are hard at work planning and organizing this 'spiel for 32 rinks.

The festive banquet for this event will be held on Wednesday, February 13th, at the White Plains Hotel. The sign-up sheet can be found on the Ladies' bulletin board downstairs. See Aldine Havens or Ellen Boldt who will be happy to accept your check for \$15.00. We would like to have as many of our ladies as possible go to this banquet and meet the out-of-town curlers. There is even a team coming from Alaska! This competition is the "creme de la creme" of ladies' curling -- so let's support these teams at the dinner, as well as going to see them on the ice. Of course we expect you all to watch the Ardsley games and root for our home club gals!

#### WINCHESTER MIXED BONSPIEL

En route to Winchester, Mass., Bob and Sirkka Whitman detoured to Woodstock, Vermont and were joined by their lead couple, Ron and Pam Jaynes. As most of us know, Pam is the Whitmans' daughter.

10 of the 24 rinks were from Canada, and Ardsley played -- and lost to -- 3 of them. Weston, Riverside, and Cataraqui triumphed by scores, respectively, of 11-7, 9-8, and 10-8.

The fine curling of the youngsters, despite their three year layoff, was not sufficient because their skip was having problems. One of the rink members even delivered three stones in one end, leaving the skip with only one to throw; even this strategem was to no avail!

"Whispering" George and his Winchester rink were in the finals of the first event, but unfortunately the Ardsley rink was not there to report on the outcome. As Bob puts it, the theme of his curling was a symphony, rather than a symphony, on ice for the skip. But a good time was had by all.

#### NASHUA MEN'S BONSPIEL

The last stone was decisive in all four matches in which Dick Wells' rink participated at Nashua on January 12-13. Unfortunately, only once did Ardsley have this final stone turn to their advantage. Dick's team (Larry Richardson, vice; Alex MacKenzie, two; Norm Beaudrias, lead) triumphed over Granite State in an extra end, but lost to Nutmeg, BraeBurn, and the host rink. The winner, not surprisingly, was Winchester's "Whiz Kids". We all recall them winning the Men's National last year. Dick assures us, though, that their losses were more than compensated by the conviviality and hospitality of all whom they met.

#### 1973 THOENDIKE

The last DUCK SOUP, under "Stop Press", carried only the names of those who actually curled in the victorious play-off against

Ken Cooper on December 30th. As we were unaware until literally the last minute that we could carry the copy, the schedules of last year's rink members were not at hand. At any rate, our congratulations go to the entire team who contributed to the championship: Paul Conley, Jim Christie, Bob Hill, Bruce May, Alex Mackenzie, Harry Thompson, and Dick Wells.

#### SUGGESTION FOR SUBSTITUTES

The following letter was submitted by Mait Griggs, whose thoughts to help curling are always appreciated.

"It has been noted that there are frequently 3-man teams on the ice. The game is better all around when played with 4-man teams. Also, there are some curlers who would like to get in some extra curling. In an effort to help solve both problems, a sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for members to sign up who would like to be called as substitutes. Skips please refer to the list when short-handed."

Substitutes may cross over from one competition to the other. If playing in the Jug Ogden and short a man, it is permissible to call on someone from the Thorndike. If playing in the Thorndike, it is allowable to ask some senior curler from the Jug to help out.

#### NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members to the Club. Please add their names to your roster.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert C. McCune . (X)  
8 Miller Avenue 914-631-4478  
Tarrytown, N. Y.

Mr. James E. Lento, Jr. (M)  
235 Lake Street 914-949-0346  
White Plains, N. Y.

Paul Mort and Bob Semple, both of whom curled previously only in the Mixed, are now curling in the Men's events as well.

John B. Lanigan is returning to the ranks of the curlers, after an absence of several years. Welcome back, John.

Ardsley Avenue East 914-591-9194  
Irvington, N. Y.

#### SECOND HALF DUES

Harold Haff asks us to remind you that second half dues are now payable. All curlers got bills several months ago, covering the entire season, but only one-half was then payable. Harold will not be sending out separate invoices this time, in the interest of saving on postage and reducing bookkeeping. Please get off your check to him, as the bills do mount up.

LADIES' CUELING

Due to the icy conditions on Friday, January 11th, the second event of the Three Brooms competition among Ardsley, Nutmeg, and St. Andrew's was cancelled. The next scheduled event will be held at Darien on February 8th. Please be sure to sign up for this or see Alice Nolan. The cancelled match will have to be rescheduled - possibly early March at Ardsley.

FINAL BLANTON STANDINGS

Congratulations should go to Bill Johnson and his undefeated rink for capturing the Blanton competition. It is quite a feat to go through 9 matches, in tough play, and not lose a single one. Bill's rink consisted additionally of: Geoff Broadhurst, Phil Cronkhite, Carl Huttman, Bill Hoy, and Dick Wells.

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SKIP</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
B-8	Johnson	9	0
B-5	Patterson	7	2
B-6	Eavens	5	4
B-10	Zonino	5	4
B-1	Hill	4	5
B-4	Galloway	4	5
B-7	Dasch	4	5
B-9	MacIntosh	3	6
B-2	Warriner	2	7
B-3	Nolan	2	7

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## U. S. W. C. A. BONSPIEL

All curlers would be hard pressed to ever enjoy as fine curling as you will see on February 13-16. At the risk of being considered the editors of MS., we can all watch the equivalent of the Men's Nationals -- and right here at Ardsley/St. Andrew's.

This competition deserves the full support of all Ardsley curlers, men and women alike. It is not every year that Ardsley/St. Andrew's are honored as hosts of this event. So let's get up to the rink when time permits, and show our appreciation at the honor we've gotten -- in addition to rooting for our gals.

The National Bonspiel of the U. S. Women's Curling Association will be co-hosted by the Ardsley and St. Andrew's Curling Clubs February 13th through 16th. Fran Currie of Ardsley and Mabel Leaf of St. Andrew's are chairing the event. Thirty-two rinks have been entered from the continental United States and Alaska.

Ardsley will be represented by a fine rink consisting of Barbara Brandt, skip; Sirkka Whitman, vice; Jinny Hill, two; Mary Jean Keenan, lead. These gals won their entry into the Nationals through keen competition, winning playdowns over the challenging team led by Jane Wells, skip, Fran Currie, Ellen Boldt, and Betsy Fisler. Warm-up sessions have sharpened our rink's skills. Plainfield's rink skipped by Maureen Fuller, and St. Andrew's rink skipped by Margaret Smith suffered defeats against our Ardsley team. Further warm-up sessions were scheduled at St. Andrew's.

The Bonspiel will begin promptly at 8:00 A. M. on Wednesday, February 13th. Appropriate opening ceremonies will be held prior to the first draw. The Bonspiel banquet will be held at the White Plains Hotel on Wednesday evening. Katzie Andrews, Marilyn Eager/Betty Hughes, Ginny Guthrie, and Carol Keenan, together with their committees, will entertain smaller groups in their

homes on Thursday evening.

The semi-finals will be held at St. Andrew's on Friday evening at 7:30. The curling community is cordially invited to plan an evening of cocktails, dinner, and arm-chair skipping at St. Andrew's. We expect this to be a fine evening for all.

Saturday, February 16th, will see the four final playdowns. The 2nd and 4th events will begin at 9:00 A. M. at Ardsley. The finals of the 1st and 3rd events will be held at St. Andrew's at 9:30 A. M. Presentation of the awards will follow immediately afterward in the Warm Room at St. Andrew's.

#### HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL

Ardsley's fourth annual Headless Horseman was a resounding success. Ask Pippa Broadhurst, who had to organize for a Saturday night dinner in the Warm Room at which 89 were served!

The Washington event went to Herb MacIntosh's rink (Hans Daschil, vice, Ralph Mulligan, and Jack Waters), who triumphed over Ed Doonan's team of Bruce Stedman, vice, Ed Godbold, and Irwin Abrams. The second event (the Irving) was won by Bob Fisler's rink, who beat John Hewett's, while the Katrina competition was taken by Chuck Stewart who bested Bob Hill.

Able aiding Pippa in all phases of a tremendous Saturday evening were Marian Cronkhite (maybe we can get her to curl), Marilyn Eager, Linda Leary, and Margery Marks. Needless to say, the indefatigable Jean MacIntosh "did her thing" on that last-but-not-least chore -- Clean Up!

#### BROADWAY JOE OR GRANDDAD JOE?

"The Warm Room is no place for children", bellowed Broadway Joe Curi, as a few tykes scurried about while spectators viewed the Headless Horseman. ACT TWO: Granddad Joe Curi is seen sitting at a table teaching the dice game to this same group of "offenders." Shades of Marlon Brando in Guys and Dolls (Sky Masterson?)

#### THE COUNTRY CLUB MIXED BONSPIEL - JAN. 31-FEB. 3

Dick Wells' rink made it to the finals of the first event at this top-notch bonspiel, only to lose to Cam Dickinson's Royal Montreal team. Bea Self, Harry Thompson (pinchhitting for Ed), and Jane superbly supported Dick, as the rink won their first three over Canadian opposition. Canadian Club of Boston, Toronto Cricket, and Toronto Granite (in the last end) fell in that order, before our group met their Waterloo. Congratulations on such a fine showing!

### ALBANY MEN'S BONSPIEL - JANUARY 24-27

Another of our senior skips did well in Albany in late January. Chuck Stewart's rink (Bill Nolan, vice; Hans Daschil, two; Harry Thompson, lead) won two out of three, mastering an Albany and a Mahopac team before losing out to Bill Purple's Petersham rink. Bill won this event last year also, when it was contended at Petersham under the "home and home" arrangement these two curling clubs have. As Chuck put it, "...we didn't curl quite so well in the last match as we did in the first two..."

### SCHENECTADY MIXED BONSPIEL

Taking part in their first bonspiel, Pete Murphy's rink of Donna, Bob, and Jean Murphy (at lead, 2, and 3) journeyed to Schenectady on February 1st and quickly acquired a reputation as the "Irish Mafia". They made their way to the first event semi-finals with decisive victories over Wellesley by 12-3 and Winchester by 11-1. Meeting the home-town favorite Schenectady rink of Dr. Dick Neuber (Donna's old dentist), Ardsley emerged with a hard-fought 8-6 win.

Playing for the Swick trophy in the finals, Ardsley finally succumbed to a last rock takeout by skip Bill Johnston of the Canadian Alpine Inn rink, losing 8-7. Johnston's victory was his first such success in 11 years of participation in the Schenectady bonspiel. All four Murphy's are already making plans for next year's return, after the great fun and hospitality enjoyed by all. The Irish Mafia was last heard muttering "Wait 'til next year."

### CUTHBERTSON AT ST. ANDREW'S

Bob Whitman's "Gorillas" (Len Warriner, vice; Alex MacKenzie, two; Jim Zonino, lead) made it to the semi-finals for the Mahopac Medal (second event), but lost out to Charles Owens' Nutmeg rink by an 11-9 tally.

The first event went to Ernie Slaybaugh and his Caledonia #1 team, who took the measure of Hal Jasmine's Caledonia #2 rink by an 11-5 score. This was Ernie's third win in this bonspiel at St. Andrew's, having skipped Caledonia to victories in 1962 and 1963.

### WELLESLEY MEN'S BONSPIEL

A rink made up of Harry Thompson, Earl Frederick, Jim Zonino and Len Warriner, skip, journeyed with wives to Wellesley to curl on the Broomstones ice in Wayland on January 18-20..

Joe Lisuzzo's Albany rink and Stan Neill's Boston #1 defeated our men in their first two matches, but then the Ardsleys began to

put it together, winning a come-from-behind 11-ender, 6-5, from Dick Hallowell's The Country Club rink and an easier victory over Pete Burr's St. Andrew's rink, only to fall apart in the finals and lose to Bud Getman of Weston. Our men came home with an ashtray each instead of the Coachman's Broom. Incidentally, the Lisuzzo rink reached the finals of the first event and the Neill rink won the second.

#### CHICAGO MIXED BONSPIEL

Bill and Alice Nolan flew to Chicago on Friday, February 1st, to curl with Stuart and Peggy Stevenson, associate members of Ardsley, in the Glen View-Indian Hill Invitational Bonspiel.

In their first game they defeated Exmoor by the close score of 7-6, and had an easier time in the second, beating Milwaukee 10-1 in 7 ends. But they met their match against Glen View, losing 8-3. All had a grand week-end, and Alice vows "...wait 'til next year..."

#### THREE BROOMS A DRAW AFTER SECOND EVENT

The second event of the Three Brooms competition was held at Darien on Friday, February 8th. Two Ardsley senior rinks returned victorious from their morning matches. Ardsley #1, Fran Currie, skip, Betsy Fidler, Carol Keenan, and Muriel Huttman, defeated Ann Dudley's Westchester Wicks rink, 8-7 in eleven ends. It was a cliffhanger all the way. When Fran released the final stone, she lowered her face to the ice, covered her head with her arms, and moaned "Forget it." Betsy, the astute vice, quickly called, "No, sweep, we're going to get the wick!!!" Ann Dudley shook her head in amazement, "To think you could do that with the most beautifully placed guard I've ever laid."

Ardsley #2, Jane Wells, skip, Alice Nolan, Ellen Boldt, and Katie Andrews, triumphed 9-8 over Nutmeg skipped by Beth Delfontaine. Jane reports that the game was an excellent, enjoyable, and close match minus the tensions encountered by Ardsley #1.

In the afternoon matches for junior skips, Ardsley #1, Anita Doonan, skip, Fran Garred, Fran Chase, and Marian Schillerstrom were defeated by the Wicks. Nutmeg edged out Ardsley #2, Jean MacIntosh, skip, Florence Mattison, Mary Barrett, and Debbie Wilson. While these rinks thoroughly enjoyed the cordial hospitality of the Darien Club, they were more than happy to touch base again because they had to make the return trip home through the "winter's worst snowstorm."

In the senior competition for the Three Brooms trophy, Ardsley, Darien, and the Wicks stand 2-2-2. The third and final event of the competition will be decisive. It will be held on Ardsley's own ice on Friday, February 22nd. Ladies, please sign

up for this event on the list on the Ladies' bulletin board. Rinks are needed for both the morning and afternoon competitions. We need enthusiastic and strong teams -- Ardsley ladies can make a good showing in this annual affair. Plan to join us February 22nd.

#### HELP KEEP THE SPITTOON AT ARDSLEY!!

For a number of years, Ardsley and St. Andrew's have held an annual mixed Friendly with curling at the two clubs. Both experienced and new curlers are encouraged to join in the fun. This year the event will take place the week-end of March 16th and 17th which coincides, but does not conflict with, the Gordon International. Depending upon the number of participants, it will be either a one or two-day affair. There are rink prizes as well as the treasured trophy -- an engraved spittoon -- which has always graced the Ardsley trophy cabinet! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Warm Room to "help keep the Spittoon at Ardsley."

#### TEENAGE CURLING

We have glowing and exciting reports of our teenage curlers and the way they have been burning "up" the Bonspiel circuit. During the past two years, Ardsley and St. Andrew's Clubs have joined forces in their teenage program. The success of this merger is evident in the victories of our teenage rinks at out-of-town bonspiels.

Two Ardsley rinks travelled to the Darien Bonspiel. Ardsley # 1, Philip Stone, Skip, Beth Frederick, Robert Frederick, and Bari Patterson won the finals for the 3rd event. Ardsley #2 was skipped Lincoln Heffner; Francie Lombard of St. Andrew's was three, while Bill Pike and Tricia Patterson played second and lead. Andy Brandt played second for a St. Andrew's rink. All reported good curling and fun times.

A "St. Ardsley" rink travelled to Broomstones and were victorious in the finals of the 2nd event. The skip was Philip Stone, joined by P.J. Wright as three, Lincoln Heffner as second, and Francie Lombard as lead.

Our congratulations go to the "St. Ardsley" rink skipped by Malcolm Smith, who along with Eileen Smith, Philip Stone, and Tricia Patterson won the finals of the 1st event at Nashua. All curlers take note, this is the way to climb the ladder!

As we go to press, we have a STOP PRESS from Norfolk. It appears that the Ardsley rink skipped by Philip Stone, with Beth Frederick at three, Andy Brandt at two, and Bari Patterson at lead will enter the finals. Also at Norfolk are two "St. Ardsley" rinks, one skipped by Bill Pike, the other by Malcolm Smith. Bulletins from Norfolk speak of fine weather and good curling.

This is a fine record of achievement from our teenagers. Our hats are off to them. Our thanks go to Earl and Arden Frederick of Ardsley, and to Archie and Margaret Smith of St. Andrew's for chairing this important aspect of our total curling program.

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## UNITED STATES WOMEN'S CURLING ASSOCIATION 26TH NATIONAL BONSPIEL

The 26th National Bonspiel of the U.S.W.C.A. will long be remembered as a highlight of the '73-'74 curling season at the Ardsley and St. Andrew's Clubs. The months of planning and hard work by the ladies culminated in a truly exciting event. Even the most reticent of our gentlemen members in the gallery were heard to exclaim and agree, "As superior curling skills as you'll ever hope to see, anywhere!" (OR - "Damn fine curling!")

The competition was keen. We cite one match which your editors and many others will always remember; the rinks: the Portage Tartans vs. the Green Bay Bonnies; the place: St. Andrew's sheet #1; the time: Friday, February 15th at 7:30 P. M. Both rinks had already curled two matches that day; the Portage Tartans had won their first Friday game in an 11 end match against the Skokie Thistles. What began during the first five ends as a so-so curling match, suddenly caught fire in the final ends. Each rink member of both teams matched shot against shot culminating in a tie score at the end of 10 ends. The winner had to be determined by a measure in the 11th end! Tartans' skip Doris Odell calmly accepted the congratulations of the gallery. She admitted to being tired after 32 competitive and exciting ends in one day!

The Portage Tartans continued to display their fine curling by defeating the Detroit Rockettes (skip Jean Brook) by a score of 12-6 to capture the Skokie Trophy for the Fourth Event. The Exmoor Trophy for the Third Event went to St. Paul #2 (skip Rose-Marie Barton) who defeated the Madison Toories (Anita Strobel, skip) by a score of 9-7.

There is a special place in the hearts of Ardsley curlers for Judy Martin - Don Wismer's cadette sister - who led her Philadelphia Belles to victory in the Second Event by defeating the defending champions, St. Paul #1 (skip Marsha Hultstrand) by a 9-8 score. Philadelphia is now the 1974 home of the coveted Indian Hill Trophy.

In the First Event, the Wauwatosa Trophy was won, 11-6, by the undefeated rink of the Virginia (Minn.) Women's Curling Club, skipped by Harriet Hahne. The Exmoor Highlanders (skip Jackie Warner) continued to hold their place of record in U.S. W.C.A. National Bonspiels by capturing the First Event runner-up Appleton Trophy; in 1973, they were runner-up in the Second Event.

It is an enormous task to plan and run a Bonspiel for 32 rinks; to go as smoothly, efficiently, and with such fun as this one did required the help and cooperation of all the Ardsley Ladies and the Westchester Wicks. Our hats are off, and our glasses raised, to Mabel Leaf and Fran Currie, who chaired the event. We wish to say a special "thank you" to Ed and Anita Doonan, who opened Ardsley's Little House, prepared, and served drinks and gourmet luncheons to hundreds of curlers and spectators.

Thanks also to the committee of drivers who spent long hours in gas lines, yet managed to deliver their rinks to the proper place at the proper time. We should also mention the hospitality committees who greeted our guests at the rink at 7:30 A.M. with continental breakfast, and waved them "Good Night" at 7 PM, after serving refreshments all day. Thanks also to the referees, umpires, hostesses, and bartenders. It was work, but in the best curling tradition we have many new and wonderful friends who will long remember the 26th U.S.W.C.A. Bonspiel in Westchester County.

#### TWO ARDSLEY RINKS MEET IN QUARTER-FINALS AT 19TH ST. ANDREW'S MIXED BONSPIEL

Two Ardsley rinks entered this 16-team competition held February 22nd-24th. All enjoyed the fine hospitality of our good neighbors, and the excellent curling provided by rinks from Canada, the Mid-West, and New England.

Ardsley #1, Bob and Sirkka Whitman and Herb and Jean MacIntosh, lost their first match 12-5 against Joe Eby's Hershey #2 rink, runners-up in the First Event. Their second match was a cliff-hanger against Jim Scott's Winchester rink which was won 9-8 by Scott in the 11th end.

Ardsley #2, Harry Thompson, Carol Keenan, Carl and Muriel Huttman, first met Ted Fry's Baie d'Urfe rink (front ended by old friends formerly from Nutmeg, Howard and Barbara Candlish). Although the match was tied up in the 8th end, the Canadian rink triumphed 9-5. Hershey #1, skipped by John Walters, pulled his rink out of a 9-9 tie in the 9th end to win over Ardsley #2 by a big 3-ender in the 10th. Soooooooooooo.....

The Ice Fox and his Little Foxes found themselves on center ice Saturday evening at cocktail hour against Harry Thompson's "Rinky-Dinks." In this fine setting, witnessed by most of St. Andrew's Warm Room onlookers, the Foxes triumphed 9-6 in a match which was exciting all the way, and which saw the "Rinky-Dinks" back by only 2 stones after 9 ends.

The finalists, and their awards, are as follows:

Bob Fuller, Plainfield #1	Barnes-Fiske Medal	Winner-1st event
Joe Eby, Hershey #2	Silver Tankard	Second- " "
John Walters, Hershey #1	St. Andrew's Bowl	Winner-2nd "
Dick Stapleton, Denver	Mixed Curlers Trophy	Second- " "
Pete Barr, Wellesley #2	Wicks' Trophy	Winner-3rd "

#### GORDON INTERNATIONAL

Commencing Thursday evening, March 14th, Ardsley, Nutmeg, and St. Andrew's will host the Gordon International competition. This is an annual event, alternating between Canada and the U.S., in which 20 Canadian rinks representing the Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club compete against a like number of rinks from the Grand National for border supremacy.

Built around the Gordon International matches will be the New York Friendly. Matches at all three clubs will commence on Thursday evening at 8:30 and will continue all day Friday and in the evening, all day Saturday and on Sunday morning with the awarding of prizes for the Friendly on Sunday around 2:00 P.M. at The Hilton Inn in Tarrytown, the headquarters for the event.

On Saturday evening, March 16th, there will be the annual Gordon International reception and banquet at The Hilton Inn at which the Gordon Trophy will be awarded to the winning country. All Ardsley male curlers are invited and urged to attend to help entertain our Canadian friends at the reception and dinner which has traditionally been a highlight of each curling year. The cost will probably be around \$15.00.

Bill Nolan is chairman for the event with Ron Currie, Ed Doonan, Bob Hill, and Ed Sibert also representing Ardsley on the committee. Since Ardsley is responsible this year for the running of the event, it is hoped that all Ardsley curlers will pitch in and help as well as come watch some very fine international curling.

#### SECOND GREATER BOSTON INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL

Ardsley was represented here by a rink composed of Chuck Galloway, skip, Burns Patterson, Bob Fisler, and Mait Griggs. There were thirty-two rinks entered and matches took place simultaneously at both Brae Burn and Winchester (three sheets at each).

Our rink drew for their first match opponents at 9:30 P.M. Thursday evening, Schenectady #1 skipped by Chick Hequembourg. This rink was twice New York State champions. They had last shot in the 10th end with which they defeated Ardsley 9-8, a real squeaker.

Friday at 1:00 P.M., at Winchester, Ardsley defeated Utica, skipped by Joe Brindisi, by a 10-7 score.

On Saturday, Ardsley had to play three matches. At 8:00 A.M. at Brae Burn, after only coffee and donuts for breakfast, they met Don Lawrence's Wellesley #1 rink and lost in an extra end by an 11-9 tally - another tight match. At 1:00 P.M. at Brae Burn, they defeated Wellesley #2 skipped by Jim Haggett 15-10, this in spite of Ardsley having at one point in the match lost a six-ender! At 6:00 P.M. at Winchester, our weary boys went onto the ice for their third match of the day when they were beaten 10-8 by a fine Granite State rink skipped by Claude Henry.

At one point in this match, it appeared that Ardsley would lose by a lop-sided score. When Chuck came up in the 9th end for his last shot, Granite State had five counters in - and well guarded. Chuck's only opportunity was to make a perfect draw shot through a very narrow port to nudge their lying rock at the button. This he did with great aplomb for a swing of six, which all there stated was the best shot of the match. This match eliminated our rink from the competition, and one might expect that they would have staggered off to bed. Not so! After a hearty late steak dinner, they sat down to a game of gin rummy which lasted until 3:30 A.M. Sunday!

As a tip to others off for bonspiels during the energy crisis: For fear of not obtaining enough gas to drive home on Sunday, the Ardsley rink flew to Boston and rented a Hertz car with a full tank of gas which got them through the many trips from motel to the two clubs in opposite directions.

#### STOCKTON BONSPIEL

On the week-end of February 23rd, Ardsley sent a rink consisting of Ed Doonan, skip, Alex MacKenzie, Jim Zonino, and George Shirk (yes, and more of him later) to the Howard Stockton Memorial Bonspiel at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass. They returned as winner of the Third Event, the Primrose Bowl.

After losing to Seigniory (the winner of the First Event) and to Montreal Thistle, our men settled down and beat rinks from The Country Club, Halifax, and Schenectady.

The winners of the three events were:

Howard Stockton Cup  
Clyde Park  
Primrose

Seigniory  
Royal Montreal #2  
Ardsley

#### ARDSLEY WINS DAVIES BOWL

Ardsley was represented at the 34th Annual Dykes Competition, held at the Winchester Country Club, by the Joe Curi-coached rink comprised of Bruce Crockett, skip, Pete Murphy, Jeff Broadhurst, and Bob Murphy. In the opening match, Ardsley defeated Albany (eventual winners of the second event, the Brookline Trophy) by 10-6.

The next match found Ardsley behind 5 to 0 after two ends, but they rallied only to fall victim to a 10th end triple take-out in an 8 to 6 loss to Winchester #1. Dropping to the Third Event, Ardsley marched to the finals with wins over Weston and N. Y. Caledonia. Playing for the Davies Bowl, Winchester #2 had narrowed an early Ardsley lead to 11 to 10 and lay shot rock near the button in the 11th end. Skip Bruce Crockett delivered a perfect (with strong sweeping) draw to the button for a 12 to 10 advantage. In the 12th end, Ardsley preserved the victory with a steady barrage of take-outs.

For the third year in a row a team from Nutmeg won the Dykes Competition, edging Winchester #1 in the finals. The keen ice and warm hospitality at Winchester were enjoyed by the Ardsley team. In his excitement, Pete Murphy set the unofficial Dykes record by going "A\_\_ Over Tea Kettle" three times in the house.

#### DINING ROOM REOPENS

The Ardsley Country Club Dining Room is once again open for business. Dinner is being served on Friday and Saturday from 6 until 8:45, and on Sunday from 5 to 8, with reservations required. Although men are required to wear jackets and ties in the main room, curlers in their curling clothes are welcome and will be served in the Grill Room.

All curlers have dining room privileges at the Country Club during the curling season, and may sign for meals and drinks using their Curling Club number.

#### SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP

The Ardsley Country Club is offering a special form of membership to all Ardsley Curlers who are not already Country Club members. This form of association would enable curlers to use the dining room facilities during the six months of the year not covered by their Curling Club membership.

The dues are nominal - only \$15. a month for a total of \$90. - and there is no initiation fee. The Dining Room and Grill are open all Spring, Summer, and Fall for lunch and dinner. Anyone interested should contact Bob Hill.

The Country Club has regular openings in several classes of membership including Active (over 35), Junior, Associate, and Tennis & Pool. Two of our curlers, Charlie Moore and John Marion, are on the Membership Committee of the Country Club, and will be happy to answer any and all questions you may have regarding these regular memberships.

#### STOP PRESS

We have just learned that the Brandts and the Pattersons won the 1st event at Hershey Mixed 'Spiel. Also, the rink of the Wells and the Nolans won the 2nd Event at Weston. Congratulations!!!!

### GALA CLOSING DINNER - APRIL 13TH

As was done with the Opening Dinner, this will be a combined affair for all curlers -- and friends of ours not yet initiated into the sport are also welcome to attend. The main Dining Room of the Ardsley Country Club has been reserved for this function, which will start with cocktails followed by a Highland dinner featuring haggis!

Music will be provided by a piper, and all of us can join in the "sing-song" which Bob Gelston assures me he will orchestrate. Men's prizes will be awarded. Hours, cost, etc., will be promulgated a bit later on when a postcard mailing will be made.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board, and a separate sheet is herein provided for those who know immediately that they want to attend. Early replies are appreciated, as the Club Manager can do a better job if he knows the approximate number well in advance.

### THREE BROOMS TROPHY SHARED BY NUTMEG AND THE WICKS

The final Three Brooms competition between Ardsley, Nutmeg, and the Wicks was held at Ardsley on February 22nd at 1 p.m. Ardsley # 1 (Bea Self, skip; Jane Wells, Betsy Fisler, and Anita Doonan) lost to Margaret Smith's Wicks 14-4. Ardsley # 2 (Ellen Boldt, skip; Helen Ray, Mary Jean Keenan, and Fran Chase) defeated Nutmeg # 1 (Connie Marsh, skip) 13-11. Nutmeg # 2, skipped by Jo Owens, defeated Wicks # 2, skipped by Mabel Leaf, 11-9.

On a win-loss basis, this meant a 3-way tie, and an admirable record in '73-'74 for the Ardsley Ladies' rinks. But the rules provide that the competition may be decided on the basis of total stones. Nutmeg and the Wicks tied with 58 stones for the six matches, so it was decided to divide the Trophy between the two clubs in the next curling season.

In the junior skips' Friendly held in the morning, Ardsley # 1 (Bobbie Patterson, skip; Jean Murphy, Muriel Huttman, and Mary Barrett) defeated Wicks # 1 (Harriet Woodhull, skip). Helena Crawley and her Wicks # 2 rink defeated Ardsley # 2 (Florence Mattison, skip; Fran Garred, Carol Meszaros, and Alice Nolan) by one stone.

### "PULL THE PLUG" MIXED CURLING FUNSPIEL - MARCH 31ST

With mixed emotions, mark your calendar for Sunday, March 31st, when we can enjoy the last of this season's curling.

The format will be similar to the New Year's Eve 'Spiel, whereby each rink curls several two-end matches throughout the course of the afternoon and early evening. The first draw will start about 2 or 2:30 p.m., and supper will be served in the Warm Room beginning around 6:30. Prizes will be awarded for both the season and the evening, and, needless to say, the bar will be open.

Bill and Aldine Haven are arranging this party, and Aldine will be contacting "the gals" for help in planning the menu, etc. A sign-up sheet will be available, and all mixed curlers are urged to make it a long one.

#### MIXED FRIENDLY WITH ST. ANDREW'S

Three years ago, a novice curling couple was nabbed at the last moment to front end a rink for the Friendly with St. Andrew's. They found good friends, good curling, good times, and good prizes!

It is without hesitation that we urge all curlers to sign up for the Ardsley-St. Andrew's Friendly to be held on the week-end of March 16th and 17th. Please "help keep the Spittoon at Ardsley".

#### TEENAGERS CONTINUE TO CAPTURE BONSPIEL PRIZES

We can all be duly proud of our junior curlers who continue to capture prizes on the Bonspiel circuit. Skipped by Philip Stone, with Beth Frederick at three, Andy Brandt at two, and Bari Patterson at lead, this Ardsley rink won the runner-up prizes for the first event at Norfolk, February 8 - 10.

At the Albany Junior Bonspiel (February 22-24), Phil Stone again led his rink to the winner's circle as runners-up in the first event. Phil was joined by P. J. Wright, Malcolm Smith, and Cynthia Smith. The third event medals were won by a St. Andrew's rink skipped by Elaine Smith, with Lincoln Heffner at three, Tricia Patterson at two, and Mike Irish at lead.

Your editors wish to apologize to Elaine Smith for re-christening her Eileen in Issue # 8, and we wish to thank her for her fine reporting job on the Albany 'Spiel. We openly confess that our minds are boggled over junior rink names - Ardsley, St. Andrew's, and St. Ardsley. We're very proud of our Juniors' achievements; it matters not under what name they travel.

Special thanks should go to the parents and friends who have done yeoman service in long-distance driving. (ED. NOTE: Has there been a single week-end when our juniors have stayed home by the fireside?).

Saturday, March 30th, is reserved for the invitational Junior Friendly of the Ardsley-St. Andrew's Clubs. Arden and Earl Frederick have issued an invitation to all to "Come watch the YOUTH MOVEMENT". Curling begins at 9:30 a.m., and continues throughout the day.

#### LADIES' CURLING

The Sports' Committee reports that no results are presently available for Ladies' Curling events due to ties, postponements, and future play-downs.

### TOMATO KING OF GUATEMALA RETURNS

Skip Shirk, who has recently been supervising several locations of a large vegetable producing and canning project in a tropical valley of Guatemala, is presently on a month's plus leave and curling again with us. Ever plagued with the worries of whether his tomatoes will reach the canning factory (where they belong) or the Guatemalan street markets (where they don't belong), George's first thought upon entering the Ardsley Curling Rink was directed towards our heating system. His first hand report assures us that the furnace filters have been changed correctly and according to schedule.

It's great to have Skip Stan back with us, and displaying his excellent skills on several Ardsley rinks at Bonspiels. We have missed him this season; but we look forward to the time when we will be able to purchase Shirk Superior Produce on our grocery shelves.

### OUR FACES ARE RED!

In our enthusiasm of reporting on all the helping hands who made the Headless Horseman such a success, we overlooked a key individual -- Jeff Broadhurst. Jeff chaired the event, and it is not good policy to overlook chairmen. Sorry, Jeff.

### MERRILY (?) WE ROLL ALONG

It is not often the case where two people have the opportunity to express publicly the thoughts and feelings in their minds and hearts. We have found warm friendships and good sportsmanship at Ardsley. We shall sorely miss the camaraderie and the curling when we move to warmer climes. We wish to thank you all, and we look forward to seeing you again when opportunities present occasions for the Joe Keenans to journey North.

### CLOSING DINNER TEAR SHEET

Detach and return

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Mr. Robert Gelston  
111 Oliphant Avenue  
Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. 10522

I/We plan to attend the closing dinner for all curlers on  
Saturday, April 13th

(No. attending)

(Name - please print)

MEN'S STANDINGS

<u>THORNDIKE</u>			
<u>RINK</u>	<u>SKIP</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
Caledonia #1		4	1
Caledonia #2		4	1
Ardsley #1	Brandt/Hill	4	2
Ardsley #4	Currie/Doonan	4	3
Ardsley #5	Sibert/Stewart	4	3
Ardsley #3	Whitman/Warriner	3	3
Mahopac #1		2	3
Ardsley #2	Wells/Nolan	0	5
St. Andrew's #1		0	5

<u>WINDELER</u>			
W-2	Wells	5	1
W-10	Patterson	4	2
W-1	Whitman	3	3
W-4	Currie	3	3
W-5	Stewart	3	3
W-6	Doonan	3	3
W-8	Brandt	3	3
W-3	MacKenzie	2	4
W-7	Fisler	2	4
W-9	Johnson	2	4

<u>JUG OGDEN</u>			
Ardsley #2	Crockett/Curi	8	0
Ardsley #3	P. Murphy/Leuner	7	1
Ardsley #1	Patterson/Hewett	5	3
Mahopac #1		4	2
Mahopac #2		4	3
Caledonia #1		3	2
Ardsley #4	Havens/MacIntosh	3	4
St. Andrew's #3		3	4
St. Andrew's #4		3	4
St. Andrew's #2		1	5
St. Andrew's #1		1	7
Caledonia #2		0	7

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY MATCHES

This traditional competition against St. Andrew's, conducted on a stone count basis, was won by Ardsley Club. Bill Johnson's rink was the individual team winner, closely beating out Don McKay's rink for the greatest spread of stones counted for vs. against. Bill was helped to victory by Ed Sibert, vice, Paul Mort, and John Marion.

# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



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## APRIL 6TH DINNER-DANCE

The final event of the 73-74 curling season is all set for 7:00 P.M. Saturday night the 6th of April at the Ardsley Country Club. Cocktails will be followed by dinner at 8:30 P.M. and dancing to the music of a three piece orchestra.

Everyone is invited - men, lady and mixed curlers and their non-curling spouses.

The men's prizes will be presented to the winners and runners-up of the Blanton, Colgan, Windeler, Wilds and Jug Ogden events - so if you were on a winning rink be sure to attend and collect your medal.

If you haven't already made your reservation, call Bob Gelston today at 914-693-3971.

## ST. ARDSLEY BOWL

The "Spittoon" will remain at Ardsley for another year. Six mixed Ardsley rinks played six rinks from St. Andrew's on March 17th and squeezed out a narrow victory. After curling, the entire group adjourned to the Ardsley Country Club for dinner.

## GORDON INTERNATIONAL

The 79th Gordon International, played at Ardsley, St. Andrew's and Nutmeg on Saturday, March 16th, was won by Canada 335-313. Canada now leads the U.S. by 53 victories to 26 victories. The day was not a complete disaster for the U.S., however, as a Schenectady rink, skipped by Hal Nix, won the Gordon International Bowl which is awarded to the team having the largest plus score in any single game.

The results of the 1874 New York State Friendly, played on the 14th, 15th and 17th, were more evenly divided between the U.S. and Canada. The Canadian Club of N.Y., skipped by Ad Campbell and representing the U.S., C.M.R.-St. Jean and Canadian Branch #2 all tied for first place in the first event. Nutmeg, skipped by Carl Fellows and N.Y. Caledonian #2, skipped by Joe Milano, tied for first place in the second event while two Canadian teams, Howicks and Asbestos, took first and second place in the third event.

Three Ardsley teams, skipped by Ed Doonan, Dick Wells and Bob Whitman, played in both events.

Bill Nolan did an outstanding job of organizing and running the four day 'spiel'. Alice reported that last minute changes in the number of teams competing had Bill talking in his sleep but he managed to keep everything under control. Bill was ably assisted by Ron Currie, Ed Sibert, Ed Doonan, Bob Hill, John Nauss, Peter Burr and Bill Switzer.

#### THE GOLDEN HANDLE MIXED BONSPIEL

Although we have not received the full report on the Nutmeg Mixed Bonspiel, we have pieced together the following story:

An Ardsley rink composed of Ed and Barbara Brandt and Jim and Carolyn Zonino made it to the semi-finals of the third event before being eliminated in a very close match after winning three out of four earlier matches.

A second Ardsley rink of Herb and Jean MacIntosh and Lee and Jeanne Heffner made it all the way to the finals of the fourth event before being eliminated by Granite State 9-8 in the 11th end.

#### TEENAGE CURLING

The Junior Skip Friendly held at the Plainfield Curling Club on Saturday, March 16th, was won by a combined Ardsley-St. Andrew's team skipped by Andy Brandt with Lino Heffner at three and Don Perry and Leigh Smith of St. Andrew's at two and lead. On their way to victory they beat Philadelphia II 9-5 and Nutmeg 8-3.

#### GRAND NATIONAL CURLING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Ardsley's entry in the above bonspiel held in Schenectady on Feb. 28th to March 1st may not have covered itself with glory but they report that a great time was had by all - especially by "Fumble-Fingers" May.

The group skipped by Bob Hill with Chuck Galloway at three, Bill Johnson, two, and Bruce May, lead, lost their first match to Rochester, won their second against Canadian Club of New York and then were knocked out by Granite State II.

With curling out of the way, the group decided to visit one of Schenectady's better bistro's, a lively and friendly little spot known as Lorenzo's. It was here that Bruce was called upon to display his manual dexterity but to the dismay of his companions he was unable to master the necessary technique and consequently earned the name "Fumble Fingers".

We are sure Bruce will be happy to explain the above in greater detail whenever asked.

#### DUCK SOUP

The Ardsley Curling Club has lost two good friends and diligent workers in Joe and Carol Keenan. That Duck Soup continued to be the fine newsletter this year it has been in past years is due entirely to their efforts.

We all wish them success and happiness in their new home but wonder what they will find to replace curling during the winter months.

Their new address is:

102 Penshurst Rd., Windsor Farms, Richmond, Virginia 23221

#### LADIES CURLING

The Ardsley Ladies have had a most successful and busy year, the season opening with a 2-week get acquainted event. This was followed by the Wells-Wicks Competition of 10 teams scored on points. The winning rink consisted of Barbara Brandt, Skip, Betsy Fisler, Muriel Huttman and Debbie Wilson with a total of 59½ points. The second place team with a total of 50½ points was skipped by Ellen Boldt with the support of Aldine Havens, Florence Mattison and Ann Bolduc.

The Mid-Winter Competition, played on a win-loss basis, resulted in a 3-way tie between Sirkka Whitman, Alice Nolan and Mary Jean Keenan with 3 wins apiece. We then went to total stones with Alice Nolan, Jinny Hill, Mary Barrett and Debbie Wilson winning first place by one stone over the second place rink of Sirkka Whitman, Fran Garred, Bobbie Patterson and Fran Nielsen.

The U.S.W.C.A. All American Event, played on five Fridays between Jan. 4th and Mar. 8th, also produced a 3-way tie between the rinks of Barbara Brandt, Helen Ray and Sirkka Whitman - each winning four out of five matches. Again we had to go to stones to decide the first place winner and the honor went to Sirkka Whitman assisted by Mary Jean Keenan, Carol Keenan and Fran Chase.

The final competition of the year, the Jr. Skip Event, resulted in a decisive victory for Betsy Fisler, Skip, Barbara Brandt, Carol Meszaros and Helen Adams with four wins. Again we had a tie for second place with three wins apiece for Skips Mary Jean Keenan, Jinny Hill, Muriel Huttman and Bobbie Patterson but the total stones resulted in second place being awarded to the rink of Bobbie Patterson, Aldine Havens, Carol Meszaros and Shirley Werner. (Kudos must go to Carol Meszaros for not only being on the winning rink but on the second place rink as well. An explanation is necessary as Carol does not have a split personality which enables her to curl on two rinks at the same time. She curled on Betsy's rink on Wednesdays and Bobbie's rink on Thursdays and consequently becomes a double winner. Congratulations!)

#### MEN'S STANDINGS

#### THORNDIKE

<u>RINK</u>	<u>SKIP</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
Caledonia #2	Cooper	6	1*
Caledonia #1	Milano	5	1**
Ardsley #5	Sibert-Stewart	5	3
Ardsley #1	Brandt-Hill	4	4
Ardsley #4	Currie-Doonan	4	4
Ardsley #3	Whitman-Warriner	4	3*
Ardsley #2	Wells-Nolan	2	5*
Mahopac #1	Finnegan	2	5
St. Andrew's #1		0	6

\* One game left      \*\*Results of game against S-1 and M-1 not recorded.

#### WINDELER

W-1	Whitman	6	3*
W-2	Wells	6	3*
W-8	Brandt	5	4
W-7	Fisler	5	4
W-10	Patterson	5	4
W-4	Currie	5	4
W-3	MacKenzie	4	5
W-5	Stewart	4	5
W-6	Doonan	4	5
W-9	Johnson	3	6*

\* Playoff scheduled for 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 28th.

<u>JUG GARDEN</u>		<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
Ardale #2	Crockett-Curi	10	1*
Ardale #3	P. Murphy-Leuner	10	1*
Ardale #1	Patterson-Hewett	7	4
Caledonia #1		7	4
Mahopac #1		7	4
Ardale #4	Havens-MacIntosh	5	5**
Mahopac #2		5	5**
St. Andrew's #3		4	7
St. Andrew's #4		4	7
St. Andrew's #1		2	8**
St. Andrew's #2		2	8**
Caledonia #2		0	10**

\* Playoff Sunday, March 31

\*\* All games played but results of 1 match not recorded

#### LADIES CURLING (cont.)

The Ladies final luncheon and business meeting scheduled for April 18th has been changed to a later date. A notice of the new date and time will be mailed out shortly.

#### DUCK SOUP

This is the next to last issue of Duck Soup for the 1973-74 season.

The final issue will be published in April and all material to be printed should be sent to Bob Hill by April 15th.

# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



1973-74 No. 11

Remember that old refrain, "The song is over but the melody lingers on"? Well, the same applies to Duck Soup. The season is over but the memory lingers on. Therefore, your editor pro tem has taken his pen in hand to clean up a few loose ends from this season and lay the foundation for next.

## Men's Events

When our last issue went to press we were left with a tie for first and last place in the Windeler and for first place in the Jug Ogden.

Windeler - In what has become almost an annual occurrence Bob Whitman and Dick Wells each finished the regular Windeler schedule in a tie for first place with 6-3 records. This is the third year in a row that the two have had to play off for the club championship. This year Bob Whitman's rink emerged victorious after a closely contested match. In the 1971-72 and 1972-73 events Dick Well's rink won the playoffs.

In the mad scramble for the dubious distinction of being in last place, Bill Johnson's rink bowed to Ed Doonan's rink and won the coveted "Furlined" trophy.

Jug Ogden - At the end of the regular Jug Ogden season two Ardsley teams co-skipped by Bruce Crockett-Joe Curi and Pete Murphy-Joe Leuner were tied for first place at 10-1 apiece. The victory in the playoff went to the Murphy-Leuner rink whose only loss all season had been to - guess who - the Bruce Crockett-Joe Curi entry.

Thorndike - Although there appeared to be the possibility of a tie for first place in the Thorndike when the last issue went to press, Ken Cooper's Caledonian #2 rink took first place with a 7-1 record. Ken has won the Thorndike medal in two of the three years it has been in competition (71-72 and 73-74). Dick Wells won it the third year (72-73).

Kimball Medal - Our faces are red because way back in the season we forgot to report on the results of what the losers call the Kimball Medal and what the winners like to think of as the Westchester County Championship. Briefly, this is a one-event "knockout" competition held at, and sponsored by, St. Andrew's. The four local clubs each enter four rinks and the one undefeated rink is the winner.

For the second year in a row Bob Whitman's rink emerged victorious. Assisting Bob (or carrying him, depending on who is telling the story) were Jim Zonino, Alex MacKenzie and Ron Currie.

#### Election of Officers for 1974-75

At their May meeting the Directors elected the following slate of officers for next season:

President	Bob Hill
Exec. Vice President	Ed Doonan
Vice President	Ed Brandt
Vice President	Dick Wells
Secretary	Bill Johnson
Treasurer	Harold Haff
Asst. Secretary	Chuck Stewart
Asst. Treasurer	Hans Daschil

The following Committee Chairmen were also confirmed:

Membership	Jim Zonino
Buildings & Ice	Ed Doonan
Men's Curling	Burns Patterson
Mixed Curling	Jean and Herb MacIntosh
Ladies Curling	Alice Nolan
Awards	Bob Murphy
Out of Town Bonspiels (Men's and Mixed)	Dick Wells

#### Financial Report

Although our fiscal year does not end until July 31, 1974, the Directors are happy to report that it will not be necessary to have an assessment this year. Despite the enormous increase in our electrical bills enough savings were accomplished in other areas to keep total expenses within a manageable area.

Furthermore, the Directors voted to retain the present dues structure with one minor exception. Dues for a Junior Family II membership will be increased from \$100.00 to \$125.00 per year.

It was the feeling of the Board that a strenuous effort should be made to increase our income by attracting new members rather than by increasing the dues of those who are already members. Obviously, in an inflationary period such as we are now experiencing, our expenses will increase and we will require additional income to meet these demands. It is therefore hoped that all members will add their support to Jim Zonino's efforts to attract new members.

#### A Good Friend

To many curlers the name of Ted Childs is a familiar one. For not only has Ted been an ardent curler for many years with the Norfolk Curling Club but he has been deeply involved with the organization and administration of the Grand National Curling Club. He is, in fact, one of the very few Honorary Life Members of the G.N.C.C.

Ted Childs was also a strong supporter of the Ardsley Curling Club in our endeavors to build our present facility in 1966. In that year he came to our financial aid by purchasing a \$5,000.00 Ardsley Curling Club bond. This year he has again demonstrated his generosity and support by cancelling this same bond.

Ted suggested, at the time of this gift, that we use an amount of money equal to the previous interest payments on this bond for some purpose beneficial to curling. It was his suggestion that a medal, honoring one of our former members, should be established for men's competition.

A committee, chaired by Ed Sibert, considered the suggestion and felt that since we had no need for additional medals in men's competition it would be suitable to establish an award for mixed curling. This conclusion was reinforced by Ted and Elizabeth Childs' great interest in mixed curling. It was therefore recommended, and unanimously approved by the Board, that a trophy bearing Ted Childs' name be established and awarded to the winners of the first event in future Ardsley Mixed Bonspiels.

The entire club joins with the Board in expressing its thanks to Ted and Elizabeth Childs for their generous contribution.

#### Curling School

The responses received by all four local clubs to the curling school proposal were so encouraging that we are proceeding with the necessary arrangements. At this point we hope to conduct the three day program in late November or early December.

### Comments from the House Committee

Ed Doonan has asked us to include a note of thanks to all those who contributed so generously of their time, money and talents to keep things running so well this year.

For instance - Did you know that several of our flags were stolen last summer and were replaced by the Curries, Alex MacKenzie, Bill Ray, Charlie Upjohn, Bill Versfelt, Jim Zonino, Bruce May and Bob Whitman. Joe Curi went all the way to Wurope to get his flag - from the city of Berne. We understand that Hugh Winslow, Jeff Broadhurst and Larry Richardson are going to provide us with a few additional flags.

### Final Cleanup

When the final shot was played and the brooms stacked for the summer someone had to get rid of the approximately 20-25 tons of ice - and it must be done quickly by shoveling it out the side door. This year Larry and Ed were assisted by Lincoln Heffner, Peter Murphy, Jim Zonino, Adam Rumoshosky, Charlie Marks, Jeff Broadhurst, George Shirk, Arthur Leary and Bob Hill.

Then there were the improvements to the facility—

1. The new sidewalk - a few gifts plus profits from the broom sales.
2. The retaining wall and plantings along the sidewalk - Joe Curi did most of this with some help from Ed Doonan.
3. Basement Drapes - Aldine Havens
4. Basement Wiring - Bill Havens
5. File Cabinets - Bill Versfelt
6. Set of Quoits - Charlie Upjohn
7. Warm Room Cushions - The Curi's with able assistance by Jean Murphy and Sirkka Whitman.
8. New Hot Water Tank - Bruce Crockett
9. Pipes and Fittings for Tank - Ed Doonan
10. The "Kitty" - (That secret unnumbered account from which we buy all sorts of things not included in the budget) - Chef Anita Doonan's U.S.W.C.A. luncheon profits.

If we had purchased all the above services and materials plus the labor involved in preparing the rink in the fall the cost would have run into the thousands of dollars. If our volunteers had not done so much then our dues would have been revised upwards.

Next season, when the call goes out for painters, window washers, floor waxers, cooks, bottle washers, etc., lend a hand - it's part of the fun of curling.

Editor's note - A special note of thanks is due to Ed Doonan for doing an outstanding job as Chairman of the House and Ice Committee. Even though many people pitched in to help, he was the organizer.

#### HELP !!

We need help next year in a few areas -

Duck Soup - Our last three Editors have all left town rather suddenly and we need someone to handle this important job next year. Volunteers please call Bob Hill.

Teenage Curling - The responsibility for organizing the Teenage program has always rested with the parents of children participating in the program. Arden and Earl Frederick have supervised this for the past two years but will not be around to do so next season. If any parent or group of parents wishes to continue on with Teenage Curling please call Bob Hill.

#### Ardsley Country Club

Whether your summer sport be golf, tennis, swimming or just socializing with a long cool drink in your hand, the Ardsley Country Club is the place to do it.

There are several classes of membership designed to meet all degrees of participation and to accommodate all age groups.

If you have any questions call Bob Hill, John Marion or Charlie Moore.

Have a good summer -