

# Duck Soup

## for Ardsley Curlers



1974-75

NO. 1

September 12, 1974

As the Labor Day weekend fades into the past and summer '74 rapidly draws to a close, it's time to start thinking about curling. Your committees are already hard at work planning for the coming season and you, dear fellow curler, can make life easier for all by doing the following:

Membership. Please fill in the enclosed "Application form" and return it to Bob Hill. Do this immediately even though you may have curled with Ardsley for many years, because this is the only way we have of knowing if you intend to curl this year. We also need up-to-date information on addresses and telephone numbers for the 1974-75 Roster.

Fall Clean-up. Sign up with Ed Doonan for our annual "Waxing, Washing and Painting Festival" the weekend of October 5th and 6th. It is extremely important that we get "volunteer" (read that free) labor if we are to live within our financial means. We would like to get all of the painting in the curling area out of the way that weekend so as not to interfere with ice-making thereafter. Other chores involve cleaning of the grounds, waxing of the walls and furniture in the warm room, and painting in the basement. We need a fair sized group of men and women so please make an effort to help. Call Ed Doonan at 591-8191 for further information.

### OPEN HOUSE.

As plans now stand our ice should be ready for curling on Saturday, November 2nd. We are therefore tentatively planning our open houses for that weekend. More news on that will follow in subsequent mailings from Jim Zonino and in Duck Soup.

### CURLING DINNER.

We have reserved the Country Club dining room the night of Saturday, November 2nd, for the opening dinner. All curlers (men, ladies, and mixed) and their spouses are invited and urged to bring interested guests.

Phil Cronkhite has consented to be the Dinner Chairman this year and he will be getting out more information on this affair in early October. Just circle the date on your calender and wait to hear more.

Instruction. Arrangements have been made for the professional instruction we wrote about last spring. Curling Schools, Ltd. will be here December 6th, 7th and 8th. As of this date we do not know how the classes will be scheduled and exactly how many Ardsley curlers will be able to participate. However all those who responded last spring will get preference.

New members. As is usually the situation we must again urge all our members to assist our Membership Chairman Jim Zonino in his campaign to seek our compatible new members. An increased membership will not only ease the financial strains but will also improve the quality and quantity of curling at Ardsley.

Please remember that new members, who have not curled previously, are not required to pay any part of the initiation fee during their first year.

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At the present moment we do not know if Larry Richardson will be with us again this year. Although we are still hopeful that he will return we will not know definitely for another few weeks. We are therefore trying to find a man to fill this essential position.

Although an experienced man would be ideal we realize that it is unlikely that we will be able to find one at this late date. Fortunately we feel we have enough knowledge to train an inexperienced man. If anyone knows of a man who would be suitable for this type of work please get in touch with Ed Doonan.

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Duck Soup still needs an editor. Any volunteers?

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## OPEN HOUSE

Jim Zonino has planned two (2) sessions for our fall OPEN HOUSE - Saturday, November 2nd from 1:00 - 4:30 P.M. and Sunday, November 3rd from 1:00 - 4:30 P.M. We are extending an invitation to all members of the Ardsley Country Club for the Saturday afternoon session and therefore suggest that other guests be invited for the Sunday session in order to avoid overcrowding on Saturday. However, if you or your guests are unable to attend on Sunday, by all means come on Saturday!!.

## OPENING DINNER

As mentioned in our previous issue, the opening curling dinner will be held on Saturday, November 2nd at the Ardsley Country Club. All curlers - Ladies, Mixed, Men and their non-curling spouses are invited. Cocktails will start at 6:30 P.M. and dinner will be served at 8:00 P.M. The cost of dinner including tax and gratuities is \$11.00 per person.

As an added attraction, we have arranged for a wee touch of Scottish entertainment with your coffee and dessert.

PLEASE SEND THE ENCLOSED RESERVATION CARD TO PHIL CRONKHITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

## FIRE WOOD

All you curlers who'd like to look at a roaring fire and keep warm (energy crisis still with us) are urgently needed as splitters and conveyors to stack wood after Indian Summer. Please contact Charlie Marks if you can help at LY 1-8322.

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CLEANUP

Ed Doonan has asked us to extend a note of thanks to the following people who contributed their time to cleaning up the curling house last weekend:

Joe Curi  
Pippa, Geoff and Suzie Broadhurst  
Del McCune  
Fran Currie  
Len Warriner  
Henry Rissmeyer  
Irwin Abrams

Kay, Betsy and Katy Sugahara  
Phil Cronkhite  
Ed Hand  
Charlie Marks  
Burns Patterson  
Jinny and Bob Hill

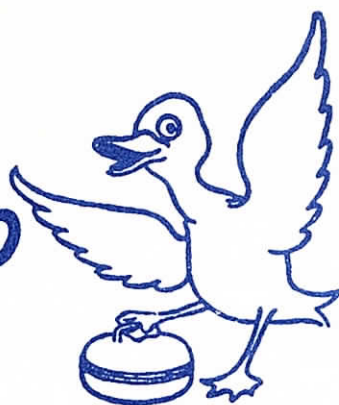
There is still a lot more to be done before the curling season starts, however, so if there are any of you willing to contribute a few hours please call Ed at 591-8191.

PLEASE! - If you haven't already sent in your applications - do it now.



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## OUT-OF-TOWN BONSPIELS

Bonspieling time is rapidly approaching. Dick Wells, Chairman for out-of-town bonspiels for the Men's and the Mixed, has posted a schedule with signup space for these events at the bulletin board at the Clubhouse. All curlers interested in participating are invited to sign up in the space indicated. Every effort will be made to obtain an experienced skip or skip couple to lead an Ardsley team to any of these events for which an interest is shown.

Bonspieling is a very important part of the total curling picture, and for those members who have not yet tried it, it is highly recommended to you.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask Dick Wells.

## CURLING INSTRUCTION

Two separate instruction programs will be conducted each week by the Curling Instruction Committee. A basic course covering the fundamentals of curling as well as background information for new curlers will be held each Friday evening from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. An advanced course for curlers with some experience will cover correction of bad habits, improving techniques and skipping strategy. This course will be held every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Both sessions will utilize considerable warm room demonstrations and practice, as well as on the ice practice. All sessions will be conducted by Ed and Barbara Brandt, assisted by other Instruction Committee members.

## MEMBERSHIP

Any member who would like to introduce friends to curling is urged to make use of the free ice available Friday evenings. Even though the season is now underway it is not too late to sponsor new members.

### GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

We would like to remind all curlers that the ashtrays and wastebaskets around the rink have been put there for a purpose. Please use them - it will make our cleaning chores much easier.

One other reminder - Please do not leave coats, shoes, hats, etc. in the Warm Room. There is ample space downstairs for these items.

### FIRE WOOD

Charlie Marks, the Paul Bunyan of the Ardsley Curling Club, is looking for help to split and stack this winter's supply of fire wood. You won't need an ox - just an axe. Please call Charlie if you feel like putting in a few hours of good honest work.

### HOLE-IN-THE-ICE COMMITTEE

The Chairman of this newly formed committee, who chooses to remain anonymous and whose function it is to see that the holes are repaired rather than created, has issued the following proclamation:

"In order to insure that our ice is not marred by unrightly indentations in the morning, it shall be the duty of the winning skip on each sheet playing the last match of the day to fill in all holes in front of the hacks."

Use the large syringe and pitcher stored behind the bar for this purpose and be sure to fill the hole right up to the top.

### BROOMS

Ed Doonan has a supply of new brooms on hand for those who wish to purchase their own.

### CURLING APPAREL

The Pro Shop at St. Andrew's Golf Club in Hastings (Telephone GR8-3500) sells curling shoes, gloves, sliders and gift items associated with curling. Ardsley curlers making purchases may charge them to their Ardsley Curling Club account.

### MEN'S CURLING

After several last minute adjustments, the men's curling season is well underway.

We have ten Blanton teams in the weeknight competition and five Wilds and three Colgan rinks in the weekend interclub competition with St. Andrew's, N.Y. Caledonian and Mahopac curling clubs.

The district playdowns for New York State in the U.S. Men's Curling Championship will be held at Ardsley on Jan. 11th and the State finals will be played at Albany on Jan. 25th and 26th. The U.S. Men's Championship itself will be held at Detroit on March 3-9. Anyone interested in entering a rink should contact Burns Patterson.

#### HEADLESS HORSEMAN

Our intracub Headless Horseman Bonspiel is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of Jan. 4 and 5.

This event is open to all men curlers, those who curl only in the mixed as well as those in regular men's competition, and is a great deal of fun. Watch the Bulletin Board for more information.

#### MIXED CURLING

The Mixed Curling Committees for the year are as follows:

General Chairmen	- Jean and Herb MacIntosh
Friendlys Chairmen	- Marilyn and Hank Eager
Prize Chairmen	- Vanda and Tony Ficalora
Scheduling Chairmen	- Fran and Ron Currie
Bonspiel Chairmen	- Helen and Bill Ray
New Year's Eve Chairmen	- June and Bob Citarell

#### NUTMEG FRIENDLY - NOVEMBER 16th

The Rays, Eagers, MacIntoshes, Broadhursts, Ficaloras, Abrams and McCunes got the season off to a flying start by entering the Nutmeg "Crazy, Mixed-up Friendly" at Darien last weekend. The results are somewhat confusing since Ardsley wives curled with Nutmeg husbands and vice versa. Your reporter has been unable to penetrate the web of confusion and consequently can only state that some of our curlers won prizes and others did not. In any event everyone seems to have had a good time.

#### ARDSLEY MIXED BONSPIEL - JANUARY 16-19

Helen and Bill Ray, with the able assistance of Anita and Ed Doonan, are already hard at work planning for our Mixed Bonspiel. The social activities will center around supper parties at several homes on Friday, Jan. 17th and a gala dinner-dance Saturday, Jan. 18th at the Ardsley Country Club. All Ardsley Mixed Curlers are invited to participate in these social activities even though they may not be curling in the Bonspiel.

Helen and Bill will need everyone's help in organizing and running this affair so please be ready to pitch in when the time comes.



If any couple is interested in curling in the Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel they should sign up on the appropriate sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Warm Room. Playdowns may be necessary.

Herb and Jean MacIntosh are assembling kits to give to each participant and would appreciate contributions of items that might normally be given away as a business promotion. Some suggestions would be playing cards, magazines, books, aspirin, candy, etc. About 30 of each item will be required. If you have anything you or your business can contribute, please call Herb or Jean as soon as possible.

#### WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEW YEAR'S EVE?

We hope you plan to attend the annual Mixed Curling party at the Curling House. A little curling, a little celebrating and a delicious buffet dinner with a convivial group - what could be better?

Bob and June Citarell will have more news on this event for us shortly, but in the meantime - SAVE THE DATE.

#### LADIES CURLING

The Ladies opened their curling season with a "Funspiel" on Friday, November 8th. New curlers were instructed by Jane Wells and Barbara Brandt while old (?) curlers played on the other sheets. A delicious luncheon was served in the Warm Room and fun was had by all.

#### TEENAGE CURLING

Twenty-one teenage curlers participated in an Open House arranged by Phillip Stone at Ardsley on Sat., Nov. 16th. Of this number, eleven were guests who have indicated that they will curl this season.

The teenagers curl at Ardsley on Wednesday at 3:30 P.M. and Saturday at 9:30 A.M. They have also been invited to curl at St. Andrew's each Friday at 3:30 P.M.

Bobbie Patterson is Chairman of Teenage Curling this year.

#### CAN YOU GIVE A PINT OF BLOOD?

As most of you know, Tony and Vanda Ficalor's son, Michael, is a hemophiliac and continuously requires blood transfusions. If any Curling Club member wishes to donate a pint of blood please call and make an appointment either at Phelps Memorial Hospital or the Red Cross Headquarters, North Broadway, White Plains. When donating, please specify that your blood should be credited to hemophiliac Micael Ficalora.

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December 17, 1974

## THREE IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 31st - New Year's Eve - If you haven't already signed up for our gala New Year's Eve Mixed Curling Party do it now. Either call Bob and June Citarell (591-7509) or put your name on the "sign up" sheet on the Bulletin Board.

It's a "Bring your own bottle" party with curling and a delicious buffet dinner at a cost of \$4.00 per person.

The curling - 4 ends at a time - starts at 7:45 P.M.

Headless Horseman Bonspiel - This annual event is scheduled for the weekend of Jan. 4th & 5th. All men curlers, those curling in the regular men's competitions and the mixed, are invited to participate. Associate members are also welcome so if any of you former curlers still have a pair of curling shoes handy and would like to join us, give Jeff Broadhurst a call (914-591-7356).

As usual we will have a cocktail party and buffet dinner in the Warm Room Saturday evening.

Open House - Saturday, Jan. 11th - 1:30 to 5 P.M. Jim Zonino and Charlie Marks have scheduled our second Open house of the season for Sat. Jan. 11th. They would appreciate the help of all members in inviting guests to this event. Although our most urgent need at this time is to increase the number of men curlers, we would certainly welcome new mixed couples and lady curlers.

Remember that the dues for anyone joining the club after Jan. 1st are one-half of the annual dues. Furthermore, new members without previous curling experience are excused from paying the initiation fee during the first season.

MEN'S CURLING

	<u>Blanton Standings</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
B1 - Sibert		4	1
B2 - Doonan		3	2
B7 - MacIntosh		3	2
B9 - Shirk		3	2
B3 - Johnson		2	3
B4 - Zonino		2	3
B5 - Havens		2	3
B6 - Hill		2	3
B8 - Murphy, P.		2	3
B10 - Broadhurst		2	3

Wilds (Ardsley teams only)

A1 - Wells-Fisler	6	4
A2 - Brandt-Nolan	8	2
A3 - Whitman-Doonan	8	2
A4 - Sibert-Currie	8	2
A5 - Stewart-Patterson	4	6

Apple-Tree Colgan (Ardsley teams only)

A1 - Ficalora	2	2*
A2 - Thompson	2	4
A3 - Curi	1	2*

\* Records incomplete

Both Ed Brandt and Bob Whitman have signed up rinks to represent Ardsley in the U.S. Men's National Championship. A Club playdown will be held to see which rink will represent Ardsley in the Region #4 playdown against the N.Y. Caledonian Curling Club. The winner of that event will then enter the District #1 playdown to determine the N.Y. State representative.

MIXED NEWS

Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel - Jan. 17-18-19. Couples interested in entering our own Mixed Bonspiel are urged to sign up on the sheet in the Warm Room. If oversubscribed, playdowns will be arranged.

On Friday evening, Jan. 18th, there will be cocktail-supper parties at members' homes for the participating rinks. Non participating Ardsley couples are also urged to attend.

On Sat., Jan. 19th, there will be a dinner dance at the Ardsley Country Club to which all curlers are invited.



Whether you play or not - plan to be at the Curling Club as much as possible to extend a warm welcome to the visiting rinks. There is nothing worse than an empty Warm Room during a bonspiel. Bring your non-curling friends down to watch and have a drink. It's a great time to introduce them to curling.

Any questions - call Jean MacIntosh at 591-9272.

Friendlys - On Feb. 8th we will have a "Friendly" with St. Andrew's to be played at both clubs.

On Feb. 9th we will have a "Friendly" with Plainfield at Ardsley at 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. with supper to follow in the Warm Room. Marilyn Eager is the gal to call for information (914-478-1217).

National Mixed Curling Championships. Bob and Sirkka Whitman with Herb and Jean MacIntosh have entered the playdowns to determine which club will represent the Grand National Curling Club of America in the first U.S. National Mixed Curling Championship to be held at the Chicago Curling Club, Northbrook, Illinois on Feb. 13-15, 1975. They are off to Winchester to compete against other Grand National rinks on Dec. 28 & 29. Good luck!

#### LADIES NEWS

Three ladies rinks went to Plainfield, New Jersey on Dec. 2 & 3 for a Friendly. Barbara Brandt, Sirkka Whitman, Bobbie Patterson and Muriel Huttman were runners-up in the first event, losing to Plainfield. Jean MacIntosh, Aldine Havens, Vanda Ficalora and Mary Barrett were in the finals of the second event and lost their game in the last end. Ellen Boldt with Jane Wells, Betsy Fisler and Fran Garred went, too, and enjoyed the curling!

Barbara Brandt's rink with Sirkka Whitman, Bobbie Patterson and Muriel Huttman went to Hershey, Penn. Dec. 9th for a playdown for the U.S. W. C. Bonspiel, which will be held in Chicago. They won two and lost two and are the second alternate. Philadelphia and Hershey came in first and second respectively and Nutmeg is the first alternate.

On Friday, Dec. 13th, the first of the 3-Brooms Events was held at Nutmeg. In the senior competition in the morning Nutmeg won two games and St. Andrew's won one. In the afternoon Friendly two Ardsley rinks were winners.

Ellen Boldt would like to remind all Lady Curlers to be sure to sign up for the next 3-Brooms which will be at Ardsley on Jan. 10th. Check the bulletin board downstairs!!

### TEENAGE CURLING

Not to be outdone by the Men, Mixed and Ladies, our teenagers have also entered the world of national competition.

Philip Stone, the President of our Ardsley Teenage Curlers, has entered Bill Mulligan of Nutmeg and Chris Ocain and Jody Law of Norfolk as Junior members of the Ardsley Curling Club. Under the Ardsley colors this group has entered the Grand National playdowns for the USMCA National Junior Intermediate Curling Championship. Their first encounter is at Utica the weekend of Dec. 21 & 22.

### REPORT ON THE TU CURLING SEMINAR

One hundred and four curlers from our four local curling clubs have just completed a three day session in curling technique, strategy and sweeping. Non sliders are now beginning to slide, non sweepers are now sweeping and all who participated have a better understanding of the sport.

Our three Canadian instructors did such an excellent job that we have yet to hear our first complaint. In fact, everyone was so enthusiastic that arrangements are already underway to bring them back next year.

### OUT OF TOWN BONSPIELS

Ardsley was represented at the Norfolk Men's Bonspiel by Bob Whitman, Jim Zonino, Phil Cronkhite and Charlie Marks. They defeated a Norfolk rink 13-5 and a Hershey rink 9-8 before losing to the Whiz Kids from Winchester 5-9. All had a great time and are looking forward to their next excursion.

Dick Wells urges all curlers who would like to go on a bonspiel to put their name down on the large sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. All curers - both experienced and inexperienced - are urged to participate. It's a great experience and should be shared by all.

Ed Doonan has a supply of brooms, blazer emblems, curling pins and cigarette lighters for sale for those last minute Christmas shoppers.

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January 22, 1975

## ARDSLEY MIXED BONSPIEL

Thanks to the herculean efforts of Bill and Helen Ray, Ed and Anita Doonan, Herb and Jean MacIntosh, Ron and Fran Currie, Aldine Havens, Harry and Betty Thompson, Ed Fiske, Mait Griggs, George Shirk, Joe Curi and others too numerous to mention who contributed their time, talents, homes and merchandise for the "kits", the 1975 Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel will go down in history as an outstanding success.

From the opening reception in the Warm Room Thursday night, through the Friday night dinner parties given by the Heffners, MacIntoshes, Sugaharas and Whitmans, the lunches in the Little House prepared by Chef Anita Doonan and the wonderful Dinner-Dance at the Ardsley Country Club on Saturday night to the conclusion of the finals on Sunday afternoon, the Bonspiel was "go" all the way.

Sixteen rinks competed for the Edward C. Childs Trophy which was presented this year for the first time to the winners of the first event.

When the last rock had been delivered and the last stone swept, the Ardsley I team of Ed and Barbara Brandt with Bob and Jinny Hill emerged victorious and will be the first to have their names engraved on the trophy. The runner-up in this event was Nutmeg II skipped by Jim McDonald.

The second event was won by the Border Curling Club skipped by Perry Fitch. In winning this event they defeated a rink from the Toronto Board of Trade skipped by Jeff Broadhurst.

The third event was taken, after a close match, by Brae Burn I skipped by Bill Cousins who defeated Brae Burn II skipped by Peter Lee.

Unfortunately Bonspiel Co-Chairman Bill Ray was not around to enjoy the benefits of his labors since fellow curler Dr. Ed Self had banished him to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital for some stitchery just prior to the weekend. Bill is now back in circulation, doing fine and looking forward to getting on the ice again.



### HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL

The fifth Headless Horseman Bonspiel was held at Ardsley on Jan. 2nd-5th. The team skipped by Ed Brandt with Paul Mort, Ed Hand and Dick Gold was the winner in the Washington (first event) while Burns Patterson's rink of Phil Cronkhite, Hank Eager and Paul Marston was runner-up. Bob Hill's rink of Tony Ficalora, Ralph Mulligan and Ed Godbold won the Irving (second event). Bruce May's rink of Chuck Galloway, Bill Zabriskie and Chuck Vislocky was runner-up. The consolation event, otherwise known as the Katrinka, was taken by Jeff Broadhurst, Harry Thompson, Carl Leaf and Harry Oswin who defeated Ed Sibert, Carl Huttman, Charlie Marks and Irwin Abrams.

As usual, Chairman Jeff Broadhurst did an outstanding job of organizing the curling and the Warm Room cocktail party and buffet dinner on Saturday night.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

With all the recent activity at the curling club Dec. 31st, 1974 seems to be very ancient history even though it came and went just three short weeks ago. Nevertheless it is not too late to report that our annual New Year's Eve party was enjoyed by a large number of Ardsley members who alternately curled, ate and toasted the evening away.

The team of Burns and Bobbie Patterson with Bill Roy and Ginny Guthrie took first prize in the curling competition by getting the most points while spilling the least alcohol.

Our thanks go to June and Bob Citarell for providing all of us with a most "happy New Year".

### CURLING SCORES

Just a reminder - Although it is the duty of the curler playing two on the winning rink to enter the score in the record book, it is the responsibility of the winning skip to make certain that the job gets done properly. If the scores are not entered, or are entered incorrectly, the Curling Committee may assign a loss to both teams.

### THE BONSPIEL TRAIL

January 1st not only announces the arrival of a new year but it also announces the commencement of the "bonspiel season". From the 1st of January to the middle of March Ardsley curlers of all ages and both sexes disappear into the north country with brooms, boots and bottles. Whether they reappear quietly or otherwise then depends upon their measure of success.

### MEN'S BONSPIELS

During the past several weeks two men's teams have journeyed into the "wilderness" and returned.

Bob Whitman entered a rink in the Douglas Bonspiel at St. Andrew's Jan 4-6 and was assisted by Len Warriner, Pete Murphy and Jim Zonino.

They lost their first match and then continued on to the semi-finals of the 2nd event, winning two matches on the way, before being defeated by Stan Neill's Winchester foursome. Their return, while not exactly jubilant, was not entirely subdued either.

The following weekend Ed Brandt, Ron Currie, Jim Christie and Ed Doonan journeyed to Nashua. Their return was so quiet that few realized they had even been away. The scores have still not been turned in to the editor but tales of crossing the state line on Saturday night to find an open pub are beginning to circulate in the Warm Room.

### LADIES BONSPIELS

On the Ladies front we have reports of several out-of-town bonspiels.

Alice Nolan skipped a rink with Helen Ray, Bea Self and Anita Doonan at The Country Club's S.O.O.P.S. (?) Bonspiel. All we know is that they defeated the top ranked T.C.C. rink.

Fran Currie skipped a rink in the Empire State Bonspiel held in Schenectady the week of Jan. 13th. They reached the semi-finals of the third event before being eliminated by Montreal West. The team consisted of Fran, Betsy Fisler, Fran Garred and Muriel Huttman.

### TEENAGE BONSPIELS

The teenagers - not to be outdone by their elders - have also been active and their returns to the fold have been anything but quiet.

A rink skipped by Phil Stone with P.J. Clark, Lincoln Heffner and Barrie Patterson journeyed to Nutmeg on Jan. 3rd and won the first event.

The following weekend another Ardsley rink skipped by Lincoln Heffner with P.J. Clark, Bill Pike and Leslie deRoos entered the bonspiel at Broomstones and made it all the way to the finals of the 1st event before losing. Congratulations to all.

The Ardsley Teenage Bonspiel has been scheduled for the week-end of March 7-9.

### NATIONAL MIXED CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

As reported in issue No. 4 of Duck Soup, Bob and Sirkka Whitman together with Herb and Jean MacIntosh entered the Grand National playdowns at Winchester on Dec. 27-29 for the U.S. National Mixed Curling Championship.

Six teams were entered in this Round Robin event and at the end of the first round Ardsley was tied with Nutmeg and Winchester for first place. Having already played and beaten both of these teams earlier, Ardsley then lost to them both by scores of 9-8. Nutmeg (Smiths and Sickingers) was declared the winner on the basis of the point spread.

Congratulations to the Whitmans and the MacIntoshes for their efforts and excellent showing.

### ARDSLEY WINS G.N.C.C. PLAYDOWN FOR USMCA NATIONAL JUNIOR INTER-MEDIATE CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Philip Stone, of Ardsley, Bill Mulligan of Nutmeg, and Chris Ocain and Jody Law of Norfolk have won the right to represent the G.N.C.C. in the USMCA National Junior Intermediate Curling Championship to be held in Madison, Wisconsin on Feb. 7th-9th. On their way to this victory the Ardsley team defeated rinks from Schenectady, Utica and Broomstones. The latter two teams will play down for the other G.N.C.C. entry.

Congratulations are due to all!

### U.S. MENS CURLING PLAYDOWNS

Two Ardsley teams entered the G.N.C.C. playdowns for the New York State Championship this year. At the club level Bob Whitman's rink of Len Warriner, Pete Murphy and Jim Zonino defeated Ed Brandt's rink of Ron Currie, Jim Christie and Burns Patterson in two matches. The Whitman rink then met Ken Cooper's N.Y. Caledonian rink to determine which club would represent Region #4 in the N.Y. State finals at Albany on Jan. 25-26. They split the first two games and unfortunately Caledonia won the third in a closely contested match. Ardsley may not be in the U.S. Men's this year but they certainly made the effort.

### FINAL BLANTON STANDINGS

The Blanton competition came to a close on January 15th and as in past years the winner and second place team were not decided until the final matches. George Shirk's team of Ed Brandt, Hugh Winslow, Bill Roy, Henry Karoly and Arch McAulay took first place while Jim Zonino's rink of Bill Nolan, Joe Curi, Mait Griggs and Carl Huttman came in second. The final standings were as follows:



	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Shirk	7	2
Zonino	6	3
Sibert	5	4
Havens	5	4
Hill	5	4
Murphy, P.	5	4
Doonan	4	5
MacIntosh	3	6
Broadhurst	3	6
Johnson	2	7

#### WILDS WON BY SIBERT-CURRIE

For the second year in a row Ardsley has won the Wilds inter-club competition.

This year's winning rink was co-skipped by Ed Sibert and Ron Currie who were ably assisted by Herb MacIntosh, George Shirk, John Keenan, Hugh Winslow and Mait Griggs.

#### LADIES CURLING

The first competition on the Ladies' schedule this year was the Broom Closet Mixer. Ellen Boldt was the winning skip with the highest point count. The winning three was Aldine Havens, the winning two - Marilyn Eager and the winning lead - Fran Garred.

On January 3rd curlers from our club and from St. Andrew's went to Nutmeg for a "Scramble Friendly". Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Ardsley hosted the 3-Brooms competition on January 10th. Ardsley I, skipped by Sirkka Whitman with Mary-Jean Keenan, Mary Barrett and Debbie Wilson lost to Nutmeg. Ardsley II with Barbara Brandt skipping, Jinny Hill, Betsy Fisler and Margery Marks won their game beating St. Andrew's. The standing in the competition is Nutmeg 4 wins, St. Andrew's 1 win, Ardsley 1 win.

In the afternoon Friendly, Jean MacIntosh with Vanda Ficalora, Marilyn Eager and Pippa Broadhurst lost to St. Andrew's. Betsy Fisler's rink with Aldine Havens, Muriel Huttman and Ginny Guthrie lost to Nutmeg. The next 3-Brooms will be held at St. Andrew's on February 7th. Be sure to sign up for this event on the board downstairs.

This year the All American will be run as a two-day bonspiel on February 11th and 12th. You will be guaranteed three games and must plan to be here both days in order to enter. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Warm Room.

#### MIXED FRIENDLIES

On Saturday, Feb. 8th Ardsley and St. Andrew's will hold a friendly with curling at both clubs. On Sunday, Feb. 9th, Ardsley will host a friendly with Plainfield - curling to be at 3 and 5.

Saturday all curlers will be able to eat dinner at St. Andrew's and Sunday dinner will be served in the Warm Room - provided by Ardsley curlers. If you are interested in curling and have not yet signed up - please call Marilyn Eager at 478-1217.

THANK YOU

Vanda and Tony Ficalora wish to express their deepest appreciation to all those who so generously gave blood for their son, Michael.

ONE EMBARRASSING NOTE

During the Mixed Bonspiel, one of our guest curlers left her sweater in the downstairs locker room Friday night. When she returned Saturday to curl in her next match she discovered that some curling pins had been removed.

If anyone can shed any light on this mystery please get in touch with Bob Hill.

NAME PLATES

Our new name tags have arrived and can be picked up in the Warm Room. Members will be billed by the Country Club at the rate of \$2.50 per tag.

BRACELET

A gold bracelet was found on the Ardsley Country Club grounds the Monday after the Mixed Bonspiel. It may be claimed at the Club office.

# Duck Soup

## for Ardsley Curlers



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### CURLING DINNER

The final event of the 74-75 curling season is set for Saturday night, April 5th, at the Ardsley Country Club. Cocktails at 7:00 P.M. will be followed by dinner at 8:00 P.M.

All curlers are invited - men, lady and mixed curlers and their non-curling spouses.

Medals will be presented to the members of the winning rinks in the Blanton, Windeler, Wilds, Jug Ogden and Thorndike events - so if you were on a winning rink be sure to attend and collect your medal.

Mary Jean and John Keenan are co-chairmen (chairman and chairlady? chairpersons?) for the evening. Please return the enclosed reservation card or call them at 914-591-7819 as soon as possible.

### ARDSLEY TEENAGE BONSPIEL

The Ardsley Teenage Bonspiel will be held on March 7-9. Twelve rinks have been entered with curling starting Saturday morning. The finals will be Sunday at 1 P.M. with the awards given out at 3 P.M.

### SAINT ARDSLEY BOWL

On Saturday, Feb. 8th, nine rinks of Ardsley mixed curlers, paced by the top-scoring combination of MacIntosh-Iwasaki, once again defended the St. Ardsley Bowl against the St. Andrew's mixed curlers. This was the eighth year of competition for this magnificent brass receptacle (reputed to be a restored spittoon) which has yet to be wrested from our possession. Many thanks go to Marilyn and Hank Eager of Ardsley and to Ray Kaiser of St. Andrew's who ably coordinated the affair which included a fine buffet dinner at the latter club.



### THE PLAINSLEY TROPHY

On Sunday, Feb. 9th, Ardsley hosted six rinks from the Plainfield Curling Club of New Jersey and again the scoring went heavily in our favor. The top rink, on a point basis, was the dynamic Huttman-Marks foursome.

The Plainsley Trophy was presented to Ardsley by Plainfield for the highest total club point score.

A buffet dinner was served in the warm room following the curling activities. Hank and Marilyn Eager wrapped up a successful and busy weekend by chairing this event also.

### WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY MATCHES

This traditional men's competition against St. Andrew's was once again won by Ardsley. Nine Ardsley rinks competed against a like number of St. Andrew's rinks on the latter's ice. Dick Wells' rink of Harry Thompson, Joe Leuner and Mait Griggs won the individual team honors by winning their match by a margin of nine points.

### DINING ROOM RE-OPENS

The Ardsley Country Club dining room will open on Friday, March 7th. Dinner will be served on Friday and Sunday from 6-8:30 P.M. and Saturday from 6-9:00 P.M. with reservations required.

Although men are required to wear jackets and ties in the main dining room, curlers in their curling clothes are welcome and will be served in the Grill Room.

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

### NUTMEG FRIENDLY

On February 1st, Carl and Muriel Huttman with Lynn and Dick Gold entered a mixed friendly at the Nutmeg Curling Club. When they said "mixed" they really meant it too - no one was allowed to curl with his or her spouse. Dick received the prize for being top "Spot Curler" of all the teams entered. Congratulations Dick.

### THE BONSPIEL TRAIL (cont.)

When we left you last month our wandering tribe of broom-toting curlers was just getting into the swing of the bonspiel season. Since then we have dispatched groups of men, lady, mixed and teenage curlers to various parts of the country in search of loot.

Let us now pick up the tale and see what measure of success we have achieved.

## MEN'S BONSPIELS

Petersham. The weekend of January 23-26 Jim Christie lead a rink composed of Bob Hill, Paul Mort and Joe Curi to northern Massachusetts to compete in the Petersham Bonspiel.

The boys lost a close match to Albany and then scored a resounding victory over the Gloucester Curling Club of Rhode Island before finally succumbing to Bob Smith's Nashua Curling Club entry in a hotly contested match that was not resolved until the last stone of an extra end.

All of which is to say that they won one and lost two, had a lot of fun and then came home. Paul and Bob fared slightly better than Jim and Joe, however, since they "took" the latter two in a few games of gin rummy.

Cuthbertson at St. Andrew's. The following weekend Ardsley entered twokrinks into the Cuthbertson Bonspiel at St. Andrew's.

Ardsley #2, Skipped by Bob Fisler with Len Warriner, Bruce May and Paul Mort lost their first match to a Mahopac Curling Club rink but then went all the way to win the Mahopac Medal (2nd event). Congratulations on a job well done.

Ardsley #1, skipped by Ed Brandt with Ron Currie, Bob Hill, and Jim Christie won their first two matches but then lost a close one to Vern Hambly's Plainfield foursome in the semi-finals of the first event.

Third Greater Boston International Bonspiel. Chuck Stewart, George Shirk, Joe Curi and Harry Thompson went to this bonspiel February 6-9. They beat Schenectady 10-9, lost to Royal Montreal 15-3, lost to Montreal Thistle 17-1, won against Wellesley #3 11-7 and finally lost to Plainfield 10-3.

Nutmeg Bonspiel. Two Ardsley rinks participated in the Nutmeg Bonspiel on February 13-16. Ardsley I was skipped by Jim Zonino with George Shirk, Herb Lester (a Nutmeg substitute) and Harry Thompson. They won 10-7 against Nutmeg #2, lost 11-7 to Mahopac #1, lost to Caledonia, won 12-11 against Ardsley #2, won 8-7 against St. Andrew's #2 and finally lost 10-9 against Philadelphia.

Ardsley #2 consisted of Len Warriner, Skip, Bob Fisler, Bill Havens and Phil Cronkhite. They beat Schenectady, lost to N.Y. Caledonia, lost to Ardsley #1, beat St. Andrew's #1. They then got into the finals of the fourth event and managed to lose 11-8 to Schenectady, the rink they beat in their first match.

The 56th Howard Stockton Memorial Invitation Bonspiel. Ardsley was represented at this bonspiel at The Country Club by Ed Sibert, Skip, George Shirk, Jim Zonino and Harry Thompson. The rink got off to a slow start by losing matches to Rideau 9-7 and Royal Montreal 10-5. Shifting into high gear the Ardsley rink then won four straight matches over The Country Club 12-3, Granite State 10-7, Mahopac 14-6 and Town of Mount Royal 14-10 to clinch the third event trophy, the Primrose Bowl.

### MIXED BONSPIELS

The weekend of February 22nd and 23rd Ardsley entered two rinks into the 20th St. Andrew's Mixed Bonspiel.

Ardsley #1, the Whitmans and the Pattersons, got off to a flying start by defeating St. Paul, Winchester and Herabay, but finally fell before George Fleming's Baie d'Urfe rink in an extra end in the semi-finals of the first event.

Ardsley #2, the Doonans and Bob Hill and Fran Garred, were not quite so fortunate - they lost to Baie d'Urfe in their first match before losing to Brae Burn in their second match. They then staged a strong - if only temporary - comeback in their third match by beating Heather Curling Club of Montreal but then resumed their old ways and lost to Bill Egan's Nutmeg rink in the semi-finals of the third event.

While your editors are fairly certain that Ardsley has entered other mixed bonspiels in the past month we are sorry to say that we have not received any news to pass along to you. We can only assume that the participants had a "good time" but came home empty handed since we are sure we would have heard glowing reports of any victories.

### LADIES CURLING

The third and final 3-Brooms was held at St. Andrew's on Feb. 7th. In the morning Ellen Boldt, Jane Wells, Sirkka Whitman and Mary Jean Keenan lost to Nutmeg. Bea Self, Helen Ray, Muriel Huttman and Fran Garred lost their game to St. Andrew's. In the afternoon two very close games were played. Jean MacIntosh, Muriel Huttman, Pippa Broadhurst and Mary Barrett won their game and Jinny Hill, Betsy Fisler, Katzie Andrews and Marian Schillerstrom came from behind to tie in the 8th end. The 3-Broom trophy was won this year by Nutmeg.

The All American was held on Feb. 11th and 12th. The winning rink was Sirkka Whitman, Helen Ray, Katzie Andrews and Mary Bragg beating Bea Self, Mary Jean Keenan, Pippa Broadhurst and Jane Murff in the finals.

### HERSHEY LADIES BONSPIEL

Barbara Brandt's rink with Muriel Huttman and Fran Oswin journeyed to Hershey for the Hershey Ladies Bonspiel and returned victorious, winning the first event. Congratulations to them all.

### WESTON

On February 3rd Ellen Boldt, Sirkka Whitman, Jane Wells and Jean MacIntosh went to Weston for their ladies bonspiel. With Snoopy as their host they were assured a good time.



# TEENAGE BONSPIELS

Philip Stone, P.J. Wright, Tom Patton and Barrie Patterson won the first event in Utica at the bonspiel held Jan. 31 - Feb. 2.

On Feb. 14-16 in Norfolk Philip Stone, P.J. Wright, Lincoln Heffner and Barrie Patterson won the third event.

On Feb. 21-23 the teenagers were off again to Albany where Philip Stone, P.J. Wright, Bill Pike and Leslie DeRoos were runners-up in the second event.

Congratulations to all the teenagers who have travelled out of town this season and come home to Ardsley with so many wins.

## MEN'S CURLING

### Windeler (as of Feb. 19th)

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Fisler	4	1
Brandt	3	2
Currie	3	2
Patterson	3	2
Stewart	3	2
Sibert	2	3
Whitman	2	3
Zonino	2	3
Shirk	1	4
Wells	1	4

### Thorndike (as of Feb. 23rd)

Wells-Nolan	3	1
Brandt-Doonan	3	1
Whitman-Sibert	3	1
Currie-Stewart	3	2
Cooper-Caledonian #1	2	2
Milano-Caledonian #2	1	3
Mahopac	1	2*
St. Andrew's	0	4*

Results of Mahopac-St. Andrew's match not entered in records and not included in these standings.

## MIXED FINALE

The last session of mixed curling is scheduled for the weekend of March 22nd and 23rd. The committee is presently considering the possibility of running a mixed intra-club bonspiel (similar to the Headless Horseman) instead of the customary funspiel held in previous years. This might mean starting on Thursday or Friday evening and curling throughout Saturday and Sunday. Please let Herb and Jean MacIntosh know your preference in this matter.

# Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



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## GOLFSPIEL

On Friday, May 2nd, the Ardsley Curling Club will host the annual competition with Nutmeg and St. Andrew's at the Ardsley Country Club.

The entry fee is \$6.00 which covers the cost of prizes for low scores, low net, closest to the pin, highest score on a selected hole, etc., etc.

Come and win - Ardsley curlers may sign for caddies, carts, greens fees and meals even if not members of the Ardsley Country Club.

There will not be any set schedule for teeing off. Sign up and play with your friends whenever a threesome or foursome is ready.

Please let Chairman Len Warriner know your plans and send him your check. His address is Box 7001, Ardsley-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10503. His telephone numbers are (home) 914-591-8721 and (business) 212-832-1530.

Ardsley has won the trophy in 1971, 1972 and 1974. Let's get it again this year.

## ICELESS BONSPIEL 1975

The weekend of September 19-21 the Lake Placid Club, Lake Placid, New York, will be the scene of this annual fall event which combines golf, bowling on the green, quoits, tennis and swimming along with all the other social activities generally enjoyed by curlers.

All members and their wives of curling clubs affiliated with the Grand National Curling Club of America are invited. In past years a good number of curlers from this area have attended.

You may either make your own reservations or check with Ed Brandt in August for further information.

# DIRECTORS ELECTED

At the annual meeting on April 5th the following Active Members were elected to serve a three year term as Directors of the Ardsley Curling Club: Edward A. Brandt, Edward J. Doonan and Geoffrey W. Broadhurst. Continuing to serve as Directors are: Harold W. Haff, William L. Johnson, Charles T. Stewart, Robert D. Hill, Burns Patterson and Richard C. Wells.

## MEN'S CURLING NEWS

The weekend of March 7-9 an Ardsley rink skipped by Bob Whitman with Bob Fisler, Herb MacIntosh and Paul Mort won the Kimbel Challenge Trophy at St. Andrew's. Our four local clubs - Ardsley, Mahopac, N.Y. Caledonian and St. Andrew's each entered four rinks in this "knock-out" bonspiel. This is the third consecutive year that Ardsley has won this event and Bob Whitman has skipped the winning rink each time.

As the years pass by we sometimes forget the rich traditions of our club and take for granted the various events in which we participate each year. This unfortunately was the case with the "Kimbel" which we even managed to spell incorrectly last year when reporting the results in Duck Soup.

Our apologies go to William A. Kimbel, a founding member and the first President of the Ardsley Curling Club (1932-1935), a present Honorary Member and the donor of the Kimbel Challenge Trophy to St. Andrew's in recognition of the many happy associations he enjoyed there.

## SECOND HALF FINAL STANDINGS

	<u>Windeler</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Sibert		7	2
Fisler		6	3
Brandt		5	4
Currie		5	4
Patterson		5	4
Stewart		5	4
Whitman		5	4
Zonino		3	6
*Wells		2	7
*Shirk		2	7

\* Wells defeated Shirk in a playoff to determine the recipient of the "Fur-lined".

## Thorndike

*Brandt-Doonan	6	1
*Whitman-Sibert	6	1
Wells-Nolan	5	2
Currie-Stewart	3	4
Cooper (Caledonia #1)	3	4



#Milano (Caledonia #2)	2	3
#Switzer (Mahopac)	1	5
#Burr (St. Andrew's)	0	6

#Scores not entered

\*Brandt-Doonan defeated Whitman-Sibert 10-4 in a playoff to decide winning rink.

#### Jug Ogden

Won by Don Stuart's Mahopac rink.

Runner up was an Ardsley rink co-skipped by Lee Heffner and John Keenan with Hank Eager, Charlie Marks and Warren McKenzie.

#### LADIES CURLING

The Wells-Wicks Trophy was won by Bea Self's rink with Betsy Fisler and Sue Sugahara. Runner-up was Mary Jean Keenan's rink with Debbie Wilson and Marguerite Rumoshosky. Due to illnesses both rinks lost their eligible fourth member.

In the Junior Skip competition the Wednesday winners were Jinny Hill's rink with Jane Wells, Katzie Andrews and Anne Finn and the Thursday winners were a team made up of Marilyn Eager, Sirkka Whitman, Mary Barrett and Jane McAfee.

Jean MacIntosh and Ellen Boldt went to Nutmeg's first Member-Guest Friendly. Twelve Nutmeg curlers and their guests - representing Ardsley, Westchester Wicks, Wellesley, Granite State, Fairfax and Utica - spent two days curling, each team having two Nutmeg members and two guests.

#### MIXED CURLING

The Mixed Curling season came to an end with our traditional "Pull the Plug" party. Unfortunately something "pulled the circuit breakers" while the curling part of the evening was still in progress. With the ice getting wetter and wetter by the minute the committee was forced to cancel the scheduled curling and commence the buffet dinner ahead of schedule. The excellent dinner was prepared under the direction of Fran Oswin.

While everyone else was eating, Carl Huttman managed to find and repair our defective wiring and return the compressor to action.

An impromptu event in which three ladies' rinks challenged three men's rinks was hastily organized to fill out the evening. After playing four ends a group of sheepish male chauvinist curlers stacked brooms for the last time and retreated to the warm room on the short end of a total 10-4 score.

ODDS 'N ENDS

We still have lots of logs to be split for the '75-'76 season. Call Charlie Marks if you can help.

To complete our set of curling flags we need those representing the following countries and provinces: Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick. If anyone can or will provide a flag please call Ed Doonan just so as not to run into duplication.

ICE CLEANUP

The night of March 26th a group of enthusiastic curlers gathered at the curling rink for the last business of the season - removing the ice and washing the floor.

Thanks are in order to Geoff Broadhurst, Ed Doonan, Dick Gold, Bob Hill, Carl Leaf, Charlie Marks, Del McGune, Pete Murphy, Kay Sugahara and Jim Zonino.

Ed Doonan estimates that they chipped, pushed and shoveled 18 tons of ice out the back door that evening.

And so ended another curling season ---