

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



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HEADING FOR THE LAST ROUNDUP !

MEN'S CURLING

Thorndike- Thorndike matches played since the last report and involving Ardsley rinks had the following results:

		Winner	Loser	Score
3-18	A-3	Warriner(Sibert-Whitman)	A-1 Patterson	6-4
3-19	S-1	Martin	A-3 Murphy (Sibert-Whitman)	11-9
	A-2	Brandt-Fralick	C-1 Cooper-Milano	default
	S-2	McKay-Mojo	M-1 Stock-Waygood	default

The final, but unofficial standing in the Thorndike is:

	W	L		W	L
A-2 Brandt-Fralick(a)	6	2	C-1 Cooper-Milano(e)	3	4
A-1 Patterson-Wells	5	3	C-2 Jasmine-Slaybaugh(f)	2	3
M-1 Stock-Waygood(b)	3	3	A-3 Sibert-Whitman	3	5
S-2 McKay-Mojo(c)	3	3	S-1 Dunn-Urban(d)	2	4
S-3 Crowley-Nauss(d)	3	3			

(a) Won one game by default

(b) Lost one game by default; two other scheduled games not reported

(c) Won one game by default; two other scheduled games not reported

(d) Two scheduled games not reported

(e) Lost one game by default; one other scheduled game not reported

(f) Three scheduled games not reported

The A-2 aggregation, Ed Brandt and Doug Fralick, co-skips, with Ed Doonan, Bob Fisler, Bob Hill, Harry Oswin and Bruce May, earned a well deserved victory in the Thorndike. It is unfortunate, but no fault of the winning rink, that Caledonian #1 failed to show up (did not even bother to call) for the final match which caused A-2 to "back in" to the medals rather than to have the opportunity to win on the ice which they would all have much preferred. More later on the sorry subject of defaults, no-shows and failure to play scheduled games.

Jug Ogden- In the concluding matches of the Jug Ogden competition,

played since our last report, Ardsley results have been:

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Loser</u>	<u>Score</u>
3-18	S-1 Brancato	A-4 Bollenbacher	12-2
	S-5 Maynard	A-5 Cronkhite	14-1
	A-1 Leaf	S-3 Dahman	8-7
	A-2 Godbold	CP Glaser	12-5
3-19	A-1 Leaf	S-1 Zajkowski	13-4
	A-3 Harmon	CP Glaser	11-5
	S-3 Trenbath	A-4 Ray	17-2
3-25	A-2 Mort	S-4 Ahlgren	10-5
	A-3 Pike	S-5 Maynard	6-5
	S-2 Donnelly	A-4 Bollenbacher	default
	A-5 Versfelt	S-3 Trenbath	14-3

The record in the Jug Ogden for playing and reporting all scheduled games was marginally better than the poor performance of some teams in the Thorndike, but still left something to be desired. The unofficial outcome of the competition, subject to change if some games not reported were actually played, is as follows:

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
S-3 Dahman-Trenbath(a)	8	2	CP Glaser et al.(c)	5	5
S-1 Schmidt-Zajkowski	7	3	A-3 Harmon-Pike(c)	4	6
S-4 Ahlgren-Knoll(b)	6	3	A-5 Cronkhite-Versfelt(b)	3	6
A-1 Ficalora-Leaf	6	4	A-4 Bollenbacher-Ray(c)(d)	2	8
A-2 Godbold-Mort	5	5			

(a) Includes two games won by default

(b) One scheduled game not reported

(c) Includes one game lost by default

(d) Includes one game won by default

Windeler- Windeler games played since the last report had the following results:

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Loser</u>	<u>Score</u>
3-14	W-3 Whitman	W-7 Godbold(Fisler)	6-5
	W-4 Broadhurst	W-2 Sibert	9-5
3-15	W-6 Brandt	W-8 Hill	10-8
	W-5 Eager	W-9 Fralick	default
3-21	W-4 Broadhurst	W-3 Whitman	6-4
	W-1 Wells	W-2 Sibert	10-8

Final standings at the end of scheduled Windeler play were:

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
W-1 Wells	7	1	W-7 Fisler	3	5
W-6 Brandt	6	2	W-2 Sibert	2	6
W-3 Whitman	5	3	W-8 Hill(a)	2	6
W-4 Broadhurst	5	3	W-9 Fralick(b)	2	6
W-5 Eager(a)	4	4			

(a) Includes one game won by default

(b) Includes two games lost by default

Playoffs were necessary between the three last place teams to determine the dubious distinction of possession for the forthcoming year of the famed Furred Lined Pot. In the opening playoff game

on March 21, with Bob Hill skipping, W-8 got off the Fur Lined hook by defeating W-9, Doug Fralick's rink, skipped in this match by Bill Havens, by a score of 10-4. The following evening the final showdown between W-2, Sibert, and W-9, Fralick, was scheduled, but unfortunately, through misunderstanding or otherwise, W-9 failed to show and thereby "backed in" to ownership of the Fur Lined trophy by default. In more than forty years of competition to avoid the Fur Lined, Duck Soup believes this is the first time a Windeler team has ever earned Ardsley's least coveted award by failing to appear in a play-off game to determine the loser. Doug Fralick's collaborators were Bill Havens, George Bollenbacher, Larry Pike, and Seiichiro Kanaya. In defense of Doug, who otherwise enjoyed an outstanding year, with victories as skip or co-skip in the Blanton, the Thorndike, the Kimbel and the Ardsley Medal (Washington's Birthday), it should be noted that because of circumstances the members of this Windeler rink had to be picked by the Curling Committee before it was known that Doug would win the Blanton and become its skip. Additionally, Chuck Vislocky, one of the players selected for this rink, had to drop out of curling for the balance of the season before the Windeler had even started so that Doug was short-handed and had difficulty throughout the competition in getting a full team on the ice.

As for the winning Windeler team its members were Ed Doonan, John Keenan, Ralph Mulligan, Harry Oswin, Henry Rissmeyer and Dick Wells, skip. Their skip says that the success of this rink was attributable to the perseverance and skill of his mates, which included their making some spectacularly gutsy shots on a number of critical occasions during the competition, plus the good luck in play and in scheduling which normally attends the winner in this event (sometimes thought of as Russian Roulette on ice but without the gore).

Defaults and Cancelled Matches in Men's Play- It will be evident from the results reported above in the Thorndike, the Jug Ogden and the Windeler that defaults (frequently no shows without even the courtesy of advice to the opponent) and cancellations continue to plague our Men's competitions. The final results in both the Thorndike and the Jug Ogden were clearly affected by such episodes. Fortunately, the outcome in the competition for the Windeler Cup itself was not affected by default or cancellation, but determination of the loser and possessor of the Fur Lined was.

In round robin competitions, such as most of our local curling events, it is essential in fairness to all contestants that all scheduled matches be played. No one enjoys winning a medal by "backing in" because one or more of his scheduled opponents failed to appear.

It seems evident to the editor that a serious effort must be undertaken next year, not only by our own Curling Committee, but in conjunction with the curling committees of our brothers at St. Andrews, N. Y. Caledonian and Mahopac, to curb the growing tendency for rinks not to appear for scheduled matches. In our opinion the problem relates fundamentally to the skips and to their taking seriously their responsibility for seeing that their teams meet

commitments as scheduled. The substitution rules have been deliberately made flexible to allow skips considerable latitude in handling absenteeism. Perhaps, additionally, the curling committees should take action to reduce the number of teams in each event so that there will be a greater number of players available to each team. The difficulty with this solution is that it inevitably leads to less curling per member and sooner or later some curlers will feel that they do not have enough opportunity to play. To return to the question of skips' attitudes, we believe that if the curling committees of all four clubs would take pains to see that skips, before being appointed, fully understood their responsibilities, fully accepted the long standing rule which requires that games be played as scheduled and not re-scheduled to suit the convenience of individuals and fully undertook to see that all members of their rinks were provided in advance with schedules of playing assignments throughout the competition in question, the problem would be largely resolved. Incidentally, Duck Soup is interested to note that these problems are almost non-existent among the Ladies and occur much less frequently in the Mixed than in Men's curling. While we recognize that Men curlers are often diverted from curling assignments by business and other higher priority demands, the Ladies also have other obligations but still seem able to run their affairs without defaults and cancellations. This should tell us male chauvinists something!

MIXED CURLING

The Second Competition- Scores of the games played in the concluding sessions of the Mixed Second Competition were as follows:

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Loser</u>	<u>Score</u>
3-18	N. Beaudrias-Godbold/0	McCune-Chebatar/Attler	7-7 tie
	Hill-Haff	Patterson-Buser	8-4
	Murphy-Koch	Ray-Ohta/Meszaros	11-5
3-19	Hewitt/Garred-Marr	Citarell-Bollenbacher	7-6
	Eager-Hodes	Patterson-Beaudrias	8-7
	Caspers-Welch	Havens-Ferguson	8-6
	Oswin-Schaefer	Keenan-Doonan	10-4

In our last issue the game between the Busers, Fralick and W. Rissmeyer and the Wells-Ferguson was erroneously reported as a practice match. This match was for real and the Busers' winning points have been credited to them.

As you know, the winners in the Second Competition were to be determined on the basis of total points accumulated by individual couples in their five best games. Points were awarded as follows: 6 for each game won, 3 for each game tied, 1 for each end won and 1/4 for each point scored.

On this basis the winners of the Second Competition were the Eagers with 70 1/2 points in their best five games. Second went to the Welches with 69 points and third position was taken by Adam Chebatar and Jane Attler with 68 points. Fine play by all three couples and congratulations to all!

The Committee has not previously announced winners in the First

Mixed Competition which was completed early in January. In that event the Lacks came out on top with 30 points and the Busers and Fralicks tied for second with 29 points each. Again, the closest kind of finish with congratulations richly earned by the prize winners!

Mixed Curling Poll- In preparation ^{for} next season Barbara Rissmeyer has been in touch with all couples who have curled in the Mixed for at least two seasons and have thereby experienced both the old method of making up teams used in past seasons and the new method tried this year. The results of Barbara's poll are as follows:

20% preferred the old method (three competitions during the season with the same two couples paired as a team throughout each competition and with results calculated by teams)

55% preferred the new method (couple pairings changed with each game and results determined on the basis of the couple's actual wins and losses rather than on a team basis)

20% preferred a mixture of the methods

5% had no preference

Based on these results, the Committee plans to schedule teams for the first session next year using the old method. Then, for the balance of the season scheduling will be done using the method introduced this season. The Committee will also be exploring methods to expand the schedule for so-called "competitive" mixed curling teams on Friday nights. The Rissmeyers would be happy to have the views of any members of the Mixed Curling Group who have suggestions to make for improving our scheduling or any other aspect of Mixed Curling.

Mixed Bonspiels- On the weekend of March 16, 17 and 18, the Ardsley Mixed Curlers were represented at two out-of-town bonspiels. Two teams, the Whitmans and the Golds, and Herb Mac Intosh with the Ficaloras plus local assistance, played in the Golden Handle Bonspiel at Nutmeg. At the same time the Siberts and the Wells were competing in the Fling Into Spring Mixed Bonspiel at Petersham. At Nutmeg the Whitman-Gold combine started by losing in the first event to Cape Cod II, skipped by W. McCarthy. Then in the second event they successively defeated John O'Day, Floss Brooks and the Burtons of Braeburn by 10-3 and Nutmeg I with Wally and Edie Bosch by 8-7. However, in their next game they met a tough rink from Calgary, Alberta, skipped by Bob Nicholl and lost a close one, 5-4. This put them in the fifth event where they first defeated Archie and Margaret Smith and the Bruces representing Caledonianby 6-5 and then went on to win the finals of the fifth event to take the "Little Handle" award by beating the Canadian Club of New York/Chicago with Bill Billington, Alex Reddin et ux.

Herb MacIntosh, picked up Lee Nelson of Nutmeg as a three in place of Jean, who was ailing, to combine with the Ficaloras. In their first game this Ardsley rink lost to Joe and Lois Patton

and Company of Bayview, Ont. Next they succumbed to the Smith-Bruce Caledonian rink before defeating Art and Diane Mojo and teammates of St. Andrews. The MacIntosh team then lost to Weston, Ontario in a close match settled by the last shot, and dropped into the infamous Rat Race from which they were eliminated by Mayfield, Ohio.

The overall Golden Handle winner at Nutmeg was the McCain rink from Baie D'Urfe who defeated the Sponagles and the Walters from Hershey in the final.

At Petersham, the Ardsley team lined up with Ed Sibert, skip, Jane Wells, Dick Wells and Maggie Sibert, lead. In their first match against the Blacks and the Welles from Winchester, going home with the score tied Ed seemed to have the end and the game won with a well protected stone on the button. However, Bob Black made a super raise to take out the Ardsley rock and bury his own in an unreachable winning position. Ardsley's second game was against a strong Plainfield team, skipped by Pete Mitchell, and with Deanna Brown, recent winning skip in the Ardsley Ladies Bonspiel, playing at lead! Plainfield, which ultimately won the second event, prevailed but only after a tough struggle. Ardsley then encountered Belfast, Maine (Browns and Crofoots) and won handily and Cape Cod II (Pauls and Brooks) and also won quite easily to reach the final of the third event against Philadelphia (Glen and Judy Wismer Martin, Yugi Kado and Sylvia Tellefson). Ardsley was one up going into the final end, but unfortunately Glen Martin had the hammer and scored a big two to take the match.

The Austin Clines and the Abelseths from Albany won the first event.

It is believed that the Sibert rink is the first Ardsley team to play in the Petersham Mixed Bonspiel. The members of this rink can recommend it highly. The ice is superb, the hospitality tremendous and the entire event very well run. The accommodations (motel) are a little spare by more urban standards but entirely adequate, although skip Sibert is reported to have lost some sleep as the result of the activities of an overly alert dog and some late-celebrating curlers in adjacent rooms.

LADIES CURLING

Last Rock- Results in the Last Rock through to the conclusion of that event were:

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Loser</u>	<u>Score</u>
3-15	2 Patterson	3 Eager	9-5
	4 Brandt	1 Hill	8-1
3-16	IV Keenan	I Garred	14-4
	III Whitman	II Meszaros	7-5

The final standing in the Last Rock was:

Wednesday Division			Thursday Division		
	W	L		W	L
2 Patterson	3	0	I Garred	2	1
1 Hill	1	2	III Whitman	2	1
3 Eager	1	2	IV Keenan	2	1
4 Brandt	1	2	II Meszaros	0	3

The Wednesday division of the Last Rock was won by team #3, skipped by Bobbie Patterson, with Vanda Ficalora, Beah Wing and Dona Culhane, which made a clean sweep of its games. In the Thursday division by contrast there was a three-way tie. Team #IV, Mary Jean Keenan, skip, Fran Oswin, Anita Doonan and Coleen Welford, was declared the winner on the basis of points. Prizes will be awarded to each of the divisional winners.

Wells-Wicks- The Wells-Wicks Ladies Club Championship event was played as a round robin on March 22 and 23. Scores were:

<u>Winner</u>		<u>Loser</u>		<u>Score</u>
#3 Wells		#4 Hill		6-5
#2 Garred		#1 Whitman		9-8
#1 Whitman		#3 Wells		10-5
#4 Hill		#2 Garred		16-6
#1 Whitman		#4 Hill		7-3
#2 Garred		#3 Wells		8-6

Rinks #1 and #2 both had two victories and one defeat with Rink #1, Sirkka Whitman, Vanda Ficalora, Mary Smith and Coleen Welford declared the overall winner on the basis of points.

HERBERT WINDELER AND BILL KIMBEL

In connection with the recently completed Windeler Cup competition for the Men's Club Championship, reported upon in this issue, and the Kimbel Plaque Bonspiel, reported upon in our last issue, Mait Griggs recently called our attention to the fact that many of our younger and newer members are unaware of the significance of the names connected with these trophies.

Bill Kimbel, a long time resident of Ardsley Park (he lived in the house now owned by Brud and Esther Bickford), was the guiding spirit in the formation of the Ardsley Curling Club in 1932 and was its first president. Mait Griggs was also one of the founding fathers. Bill had heard and learned a lot about curling from his father-in-law, G. Herbert Windeler, an Englishman by birth, who had settled in Brookline, Mass., had joined The Country Club and inevitably had become an ardent curler. When Bill and his early associates started the Ardsley Curling Club, one of the first to lend encouragement to the new organization was Herbert Windeler. Mr. Windeler attended one of the Club's first dinner meetings in January of 1933 and on that occasion he presented the Club with its first permanent and most prized trophy, the Windeler Cup. It has now been in continuous play for forty-five years, and while neither as old nor as widely known as the America's Cup, given to the New York Yacht Club in 1857, it equals that trophy in the sentimental affection in which it is held by the members of the

recipient club.

Subsequently, Bill Kimbel gave St. Andrews the Kimbel Plaque to be the trophy for a competition among local curlers. For many years play for the Kimbel Plaque was in the form of a Sunday afternoon ladder challenge similar to our present King-of-the-Hill competition. More recently, St. Andrews has run the Kimbel as a knockout competition played as a weekend bonspiel among the local clubs.

Although by 1966 Bill Kimbel had retired to South Carolina, he was a generous contributor to the construction of the new Ardsley rink which was completed in that year. He was particularly interested in the warm room and gave many of the fine pieces that decorate that room today including the unique benches for back warming in front of the fireplace. All Ardsley curlers are familiar with the plaque placed by Maud and Bill Kimbel on the wall just to the right of the main entrance to the warm room which so well expresses the feeling about curling that Herbert Windeler through Bill Kimbel brought to Ardsley as the essential spirit of the game.

THIS WARM ROOM IS DEDICATED
TO THE FRIENDSHIPS FOUND THROUGH CURLING
IN MEMORY OF
G. HERBERT WINDELER
WHO INSPIRED THE FOUNDING
OF THE ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

MAUD AND BILL KIMBEL

NEXT TO THE LAST ROUND UP

The Pull-the-Plug party on Saturday evening, March 25, was a huge success with a substantial part of the total club membership in attendance. The Fralicks were responsible for the administrative, competitive and social aspects of the program; the Citarells handled the care and feeding of the participants; and Lyn Gold ran the off-ice contests and provided the prizes.

In the fun and games department, (twelve end matches involving composite rinks with groups of four or five spelling each other after every second end) Patterson's Patsys edged out Gold's Gofers on the basis of achieving the highest total score to take the prizes. Members of the thoroughly scrambled winning side included Burns Patterson, Pippa Broadhurst, Mike Beaudrias, Joan Citarell, John Chebetar, Doug Fralick, Maggie Sibert, Charlie Marks, Judy Buser, Valerie Neverman (Jennifer Fralick's sister), Kay Sugahara, Betsy Bollenbacher, Henry Rissmeyer, and Del McCune. We have to believe this aggregation achieved its success by reason of having by far the most vociferous claue operating on its behalf behind the plate glass.

At the other end of the scale, booby prizes were awarded (on some basis not clear to this observer) to the foursome which represented Murphy's Marauders in that team's third and sixth appearances on the ice. The complement of this unhappy and maligned group included Harry Oswin, skip, Aldine Havens, Bill Ray and Teresa Welch.

It is a testament to the alcoholic miasma which apparently had crept into the proceedings by the time the scores were toted up, that any such award was made to Harry and his group. The facts are that when Harry & Co. took the ice for the final two ends of their game, Doonan's Dazzlers led the Marauders by one stone. Harry proceeded to pick up five big ones in the last two ends to give the Marauders a decisive overall win. In his first turn on the ice Harry had dropped only one stone to his opponents, so his group made a net plus contribution to the Marauders winning edge of four and could not possibly have been low on the overall totem pole. Unfortunately, Duck Soup's reporter had been obliged to leave the party before the booby prizes were awarded or we would have entered an emphatic protest. When asked afterwards how this outrage had been perpetrated without resistance from him, Harry, gentleman and sportsman that he is, simply remarked, "Well, I thought there was something funny about our being picked for the booby prize, but I wasn't sure how they were scoring the whole thing anyway!" We can understand Harry's puzzlement but where were Capt. Pete and Aldine Havens when this was going on?

In other tests of athletic and other prowess, Ed Doonan won the diagonal draw contest, proving that he is the strongest curler as well as our peerless leader, and Ray Neverman, Jennifer's brother-in-law, took the special nearest-to-the-near-hog-line contest. Adam Chebetar and Jane Attler demonstrated the most perceptive noses in the sniffing contest. Awards were also made to Helen Ray for her unfailing courtesy, consideration and good nature on and off the ice, to Marie Marr as Mixed Ladies' Rookie of the year and to Jim Welch, as Mixed Men's Rookie of the year. Lorinda Cherry and Sirkka Whitman won the door prizes.

The party wound up with the traditional skating festival. A good time appears to have been had!

After the ball was over, the Busers, the Marks and the Murphys performed the herculean job of cleaning up! All whose efforts contributed to such a pleasant evening deserve our thanks.

Anita Doonan requests that any expenditures incurred by members on account of the Pull-the-Plug party be submitted to her for reimbursement.

The ice is out. Ed Doonan and a crew of helpers including Del McCune, Pete Murphy, Kay Ohta, Geoff Broadhurst, Hank Eager, Larry Schaefer, Bob Citarell, Len Warriner, George Shirk, Henry Rissmeyer and Harry Oswin shovelled what was left of it (a lot) out the east door Thursday night.