

Ardsey Curling Club



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July 23, 1984

Dear Member:

As we swelter through this delightful season of heat and humidity, the thoughts of many of us turn to ice. I am thinking of the kind you throw rocks on in addition to the smaller sizes you put in a glass, a practice not unknown to the curling fraternity. We have some exciting events coming in September, and you should be making plans now.

The first of these is the Iceless Bonspiel to be held at the Whiteface Resort in Lake Placid, NY, on September 14-16. This is a fun weekend attended by some 130 curlers from the Grand National Clubs. Sports include men's and ladies' golf, tennis, sailing, swimming, lawn bowling, and quoits. Social affairs include a cocktail party and a banquet. Space is limited, so prompt reservations are a must. Call Bunkie Harmon (591-9565) for further details. The Harmons and Fletchers are planning to go.

The following weekend, on September 22, we will have our annual Fundspiel. Judy and Bill Kelley with Barbara and Horst Caspers have again agreed to master-mind this great event, for which we are very grateful. This affair is very important to all of us, so please give it your full support, as always. A more detailed notice is enclosed.

Moving into October, we will have the Open House for prospective new curlers on October 27. Judy and Bill Kelley are the new Membership Chairpersons and are anxious to hear of any prospective new members you may have. (Yes, a few others do some work for the club.) With the probable loss of such fine members as the Eagers, Holts, and Mudges, we badly need reinforcements. Remember, the money you save with the dues of new members may be your own!

On the following weekend, November 3 and 4, we expect to have a representative of Curl Canada with us for instruction. New members will receive this instruction free. Bettie and Mike Beaudrias will again lead us for this event.

On the reverse side of this letter, you will find a summary of our financial operations for the past two years. Because of the relatively favorable situation, it has not been necessary to raise dues for the 1984-85 year. However, the need for a year-end assessment will depend entirely on the success of our membership drive.

Best wishes for a pleasant summer, and we shall all get together in September.

Sincerely,

Herndon Fletcher

Mem Jones

Eager
Mudge

SHIRK III - 1ST HALF DAY

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended Sept. 30, 1983

Year Ended Sept. 30, 1984 (Est.)

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Beginning Cash | \$ 1,171 | \$ 1,083 |
| Income | | |
| Dues and Initiation Fees | \$30,657 | \$31,418 |
| Fundspiel | 3,516 | 4,504 |
| Bar Commissions | 4,234 | 4,506 |
| Oranges and Grapefruit | 4,272 | 3,790 |
| Other | <u>4,865</u> | <u>3,900</u> |
| | \$47,544 | \$48,118 |
| Expenses | | |
| Electricity | \$16,240 | \$15,240 |
| Real Estate Taxes | 7,834 | 8,455 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 997 | 611 |
| Wages | 6,533 | 6,847 |
| Interest | 1,114 | 1,094 |
| Insurance | 2,217 | 2,294 |
| Supplies | 1,341 | 597 |
| Trophies and Medals | 1,277 | 1,615 |
| Stationery and Postage | 1,132 | 811 |
| Pins | 851 | 882 |
| Oil and Gas | 1,822 | 1,943 |
| Association Dues | 912 | 847 |
| Billing Services | 500 | 500 |
| Bar Food | 593 | 387 |
| Other | <u>3,134</u> | <u>3,568</u> |
| | \$46,497 | \$45,691 |
| Net Profit (Loss) | \$ 1,047 | \$ 2,427 |
| Capital Expenditures | \$ 1,135 | \$ 934 |
| Ending Cash | \$ 1,083 | \$ 2,576 |

Note: These figures are 99% complete. Most significant in the improved cash position are the big increase in the Fundspiel profit and the decrease in the electricity bill, which accounts for one-third of all expenses.

SUMMARY OF YEARS 1978-1984

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Dues</u> | <u>Income Other</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Profit</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1977-78 | \$22,010* | \$10,392 | \$32,402 | \$31,290 | \$ 1,112 |
| 1978-79 | 22,512 | 13,258 | 35,770 | 30,714 | 5,056 |
| 1979-80 | 24,981* | 12,362 | 37,343 | 34,225 | 3,118 |
| 1980-81 | 23,273 | 10,785 | 34,058 | 37,587 | (3,529) |
| 1981-82 | 30,402* | 14,404 | 44,806 | 42,699 | 2,107 |
| 1982-83 | 30,657 | 16,840 | 47,497 | 46,362 | 1,135 |
| 1983-84 | 31,418* | 16,700 | 48,118 | 45,691 | 2,427 |

* 15% Dues Increase

FUNDSPIEL 1984

CASPER AND KELLEY PRODUCTIONS are proud to announce that the 1984 Fundspiel will take place Saturday, September 22, 1984 at the Curling Club. We will offer (for a charge of course) the usual delicious hors d'oeuvres and dinner, and, we hope, a fantastic auction. Please mark your calendars and save the date! Also, please deliver any auction items to the Doonan's or contact the Caspers or Kelleys. Finally, this event is a great opportunity to introduce potential new members to the club, so if you have anyone in mind, mention the date to them and give their name and address to Bill Kelley so we can send them an invitation.

Have a great summer and remember to search our those auction items!

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



Number 1

October 20, 1984

FUNDSPIEL 1984

The Kelley's and Casper's in hosting this event kicked off the 1984-85 season in spectacular fashion. The "Night at the Movies" theme was complimented by striking red, black and white decorations which "became" a marquee movie theater beneath a star-filled sky. The auction items generated spirited bidding which reached a peak just as the "Hammer" fell. The dinner was excellent, the drinks well prepared and professionally served and the hors d'oeuvres and salads prepared by many of the participants were a testimony to the Ardsley spirit. One hundred members and guests attended the Fundspiel and a total of \$3500 was raised for the club. The committee wishes to express its thanks to Laura Lee Alben and Jim Faris for their spectacular decorating efforts and to the many members who donated auction items and who assisted in setting and cleaning up.

OPEN HOUSE

The Ardsley Fall Open House will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, October 27th. Bill and Judy Kelley, our membership co-chairmen remind us that the long term viability of the club depends to a great degree on the regular intake of new members. The Kelley's encourage us to bring along to the open house friends and associates with whom we would like to share the pleasures of curling. As an incentive to new members, Curl Canada will again conduct training sessions during November. The lessons, of course, will be without charge to beginners. If you have not already done so, please call Bill or Judy to register your guests. On a more basic level, the membership chairmen remind us that the variable costs to the club associated with a reasonable number of new curlers are minimal and that a successful new member effort can noticeably improve our financial position.

CURL CANADA SCHOOL

Jim Waite will again travel to Ardsley to conduct our annual curling training. Scheduled for November 3rd and 4th, instruction will be at both beginner and advanced levels and it is planned to have three hour sessions at each level daily. Mike Beaudrias, who will, as usual, ably assist Jim in his efforts, recommends that all

who plan to attend begin a daily stretching regimen so as to facilitate participation. We think he means that we should loosen up a bit - not a bad idea. Mike, who has coordinated this training effort for several years will also coordinate the ordering of curling supplies after each session. Ardsley curlers at all levels of expertise are encouraged to participate. What better way to begin the season than to curl with the best! More information can be obtained by calling Mike at 631-2569.

MEN'S CURLING

The Blanton Competition is scheduled to begin November 30th. The Wilds is expected to begin soon thereafter. Team rosters and schedules are expected to be in the mail shortly. Burns Patterson has selflessly agreed to chair the Men's Curling Committee during the coming season.

President Herndon Fletcher has asked that our curlers consider entering the Ross Tarlton competition which this year will be held in Cambridge, Ontario during the 2nd week of November. Often overlooked because of its scheduling so early in the curling season, this is an important Grand National event. Those interested in participating should contact Jim Zonino, the Men's Out-of-Town Bonspiel Chairman.

Burns informs us that former Ardsley curler, Paul Marston will be rejoining us this season.

Keep in mind that Ardsley will be hosting the Dykes Bonspiel for curlers with 5 years or less experience during the weekend of 1/3/85 - 2/3/85.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Newly designated Committee Chairman Wayne Stewart has had a memorable introduction to his duties. The repair of damages caused by the dampness which accumulated over the Spring and Summer has taken a great deal of Wayne's time. The downstairs carpeting had to be ripped up, the floor scraped and epoxy paint applied. Wayne was assisted in these and many other tasks by Jack and Jane Streckfuss. A more complete report of the activities of this committee will appear in the next edition of Duck Soup.

NEW CARPETS

President Herndon Fletcher informs us that thanks to the generosity of the Lady Curlers, we will soon be seeing beautiful new carpets around the rink. They are blue in color and chosen to match the general decor. It has always been something of a mystery how our Ladies manage to squirrel away all their funds but since they are making this fine contribution, we shall ask no further questions. We very much appreciate this handsome gift.

MIXED CURLING

The Committee is working on the new season schedule and a letter will be sent out shortly.

LADIES CURLING

Something new - - Beginning on Thursday, November 8th and running for four weeks, the Westchester Wicks will be curling with the Ardsley Ladies. This event will be called the ARD-WICK and will be played Thursdays on Ardsley Ice. Later in the season another such event is planned for St. Andrew's Ice.

Last Spring, Ardsley voted to join Utica, Schenectady and the Westchester Wicks in co-sponsoring the Empire State Bonspiel. We will host the Bonspiel every four years.

Jinny Hill, house chairman, urges all members to lend a hand on "clean-up" day, Wednesday, October 24th at 10 a.m.

On Wednesday, October 31st and Thursday, November 1st, ice will be available for practice and pick up games. This will be an excellent opportunity to bring friends to try out curling with the ladies.

We welcome back into our curling ranks Barbara Brandt, Margaret Smith and Ruth Marston. Ruth, who curled in Chicago after leaving Ardsley and most recently lived in London will also join her husband Paul in the mixed competition.

Be sure to attend our Fall Luncheon on Friday, October 26th at the Ardsley Country Club. For reservations call 591-8150.

CAPE COD BONSPIEL

Herb and Jean MacIntosh with Harry and Fran Oswin were one of 32 rinks entered in this popular event, July 12-15th. Bedeviled by humidity problems the Ardsley rink lost their first game to Hershey. Herb reports that not a single MacIntosh or Oswin stone reached the house during the entire game. The subsequent matches, both hotly contested, were lost to Weston (Bill Cousins, Skip) and to a Caledonian rink (Bill Luckfield, Skip). The Bonspiel was won by Pierre Gallant's rink from Highlands Curling Club (Canada). Unlucky on the ice, Herb and Jean assure us that the weather was fine, the hospitality gracious and the trip marked by visits to former Ardsley members Ed and Bea Self in Martha's Vineyard and to Dave and Bunny Porter. Dave is the newly inducted President of the Grand National Curling Club.

ICELESS BONSPIEL

Held at Lake Placid September 14th to 16th, this popular event was attended by the Harmons and Fletchers. The Ardsley Cup, donated by our club and won in 1983 by Ardsley will be winging its way to Hershey this year. A strong showing by Hershey Captain Bob Sponaugle's team carried the day. Bunky Harmon reports that the Ardsley team stayed at the White Face Resort and enjoyed visiting with the Brandts and Christies.

As club Grand National Representative, Bunky will shortly be taking orders for GNCC neckties.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Bob and Jinny Hill have, after several years tenure, surrendered the editorship of Duck Soup to John and Jane McCormack. The new editors hope to conform to the high standards set by their predecessors.

DEADLINE

All material for the next issue of Duck Soup should be submitted to the McCormacks no later than November 19th.

P L E A S E M A R K Y O U R C A L E N D A R S - - - -

DIRECTORS MEETINGS

| | | |
|-------------|---|----------------------------|
| November 15 |) | |
| December 13 |) | All on Thursdays at 8 p.m. |
| January 10 |) | at the Curling Club. |
| February 14 |) | |
| March 21 |) | |

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(PRELIMINARY)

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| October 24 | Ladies Clean-up Day |
| October 26 | Ladies Luncheon, Men's Opening Dinner |
| October 27 | Open House |
| October 30 | Blanton Begins |
| November 3 - 4 | Curl Canada |
| * November 10 - 11 | Wilds Begins |
| November 16 - 17 | Mixed Curling Begins |
| November 23 | Hastings Brick |
| December 15 - 16 | New Member Bonspiel - - Fruit Sale |
| December 31 | New Year's Eve Party |
| January 4 - 6 | Headless Horseperson |
| January 17 - 20 | Mixed Bonspiel |
| Jan. 31 - Feb. 3 | Dykes Bonspiel |
| February 8 - 10 | Mixed Intra Club Bonspiel |
| February 21 - 24 | New York International |
| March 8 - 10 | St. Ardsley or Member Guest Bonspiel |
| March 23 | Pull the Plug |

* Tentative - Curlers will be contacted.

A S S I G N M E N T S
(PARTIAL)

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Whitman
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Zonino
Kelley
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Mixed

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Out-of-Town Bonspiels

Mens
Mixed

Zonino
Keenans

Rink

Ice
House
Bar

Doonan
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McCray

Membership

Kelleys

GRAND NATIONAL REP

Harmon

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The complete listing will be found inside the front cover of your roster when it is received.

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



Number 2

November 25, 1984

MEN'S CURLING

Chairman Burns Patterson reports that the Blanton and Wilds competitions are in full swing and that several new and returned curlers are participating. Burns notes that the new members have taken to the ice quite easily and their skills are rapidly improving; a testimony in great part to the efforts of Curl Canada's Jim Waite and Mike Beaudrias during the recent training sessions. The new curlers are Jerry McCarty, Bob Hayes, Doug Bauman, Vince Brice and Steve Yarabek; returned to Ardsley following assignments in Chicago and London is Paul Marston.

BLANTON

| <u>Skip</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Marr | 4 | 0 |
| Godbold | 3 | 1 |
| Bollenbacher | 2 | 2 |
| Hill | 2 | 2 |
| Sugahara | 2 | 2 |
| Baggett | 1 | 3 |
| Broadhurst | 1 | 3 |
| Mort | 1 | 3 |

WILDS

| <u>Co-Skips</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| Beaudrais/Ficalora | 4 | 0 |
| Patterson/Harmon | 4 | 0 |
| Sibert/Wells | 3 | 1 |
| Whitman/Warriner | 3 | 1 |
| Sugahara/Steineman | 2 | 2 |
| Chebetar/Broadhurst | 1 | 3 |
| Marr/Godbold | 0 | 3 |

CLEAN-UP

The clean-up efforts in October were well attended and according to House Chairman Wayne Stewart, very productive. In addition to general cleaning and polishing, fresh gravel was spread, wood chopped,

wiring updated and a new carpet laid in the dressing area. Jack Streckfuss co-chaired the men's efforts with Wayne. Jinny Hill reports that on the 24th, the ladies scrubbed, cleaned and polished the downstairs areas. In addition, they polished the trophies and the brass rail at the bar which appeared to have been overlooked by the men. Jinny wishes to thank Fran Garred, Bobbie Patterson, Jean MacIntosh, Judy Kelley and Vanda Ficalora for their fine efforts.

Wayne is quite modest about the amount of work and time he has contributed to the club since his appointment to the House Committee. His tenure began with the discovery that the summer's dampness had damaged the downstairs floor covering and that mildew had appeared throughout the building. Wayne attributes to Ed Doonan and Jack and Jane Streckfuss much of the credit for remedying the situation.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Planning is going forward for the Ardsley New Year's Eve party which will be hosted this year by the quartet of Broadhurst, Heath, Marks and Elliott. Sign-up sheets will shortly be posted in the warm room so adjust your schedules in order that you may attend. This popular event reflects the good curling and good fellowship which is central to the Ardsley spirit.

CLUB DISCIPLINE

One of the topics discussed at the last Board Meeting was the laxity shown by some members in following club rules and procedures. No one likes inconveniencing rules but everyone profits when members follow the simple courtesies of curling. President Herndon Fletcher sees two areas of concern:

1. Lack of promptness in starting. Ten to fifteen minute delays in the starts of some matches have been noted. The Curling Committee is currently considering instituting penalties in order to remedy this situation.
2. The failure of Blanton skips and others to follow the procedures posted on the bulletin board relating to housekeeping in the bar/warm room following matches. Performance of the simple yet necessary tasks listed will do much to improve the present condition of the warm room.

Fletch expects that all members will cooperate in these areas.

"MAS" MEN'S SENIOR CURLING

Regular weekly men's curling each Friday morning, starting at 9:30 a.m., is in full swing. Most participants in the informal eight end matches are active retirees. However, intermittent participation by all curlers is welcomed. Each player may curl in any one of the four positions as rinks and positions are "picked out of a hat".

Please contact Bob Whitman (591-8643) for additional information - - or surprise him by your sudden appearance in the warm room.

A question from Bob: Can you visualize what "MAS" (i.e. the abbreviated name for the Friday senior curlers) denotes?

Answer: If you can't, read the answer in the December Duck Soup.

ARDSLEY MIXED BONSPIEL

Dan and Janet Alesio remind us that on the third weekend in January, we will again host the Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel. We expect 16 rinks to join us and are looking forward to an exciting weekend of excellent curling and great social activity!!

The Mixed Curling Committee is anxious that the selection of two rinks to represent Ardsley be competitive. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Warm Room, and we encourage you to enlist another couple and participate.

Because this is an important event for our Club, we encourage all members to join in both the Friday evening house parties and the gala Saturday Dinner Dance at the Country Club. Good food, spirits, and fellowship - - mark your calendars for these special events. Sign up sheets for both events will be posted shortly.

The committee will require a great deal of assistance in hosting this popular event, so if you can participate, please give them a call. Some possibilities for service are:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Breakfasts | Referees |
| Lunches | Curling Substitutes |
| Banquet Room Decorations | Publicity |
| Table Decorations-Warm Room | Houses for Friday Parties |

You can call Janet and Dan Alesio, at 735-2668 or Brenda and Pat Clarke, at 591-6295. Janet Alesio's comment: You might as well give one of the chairpersons a call and offer your services, because they're going to get you one way or another anyway!!!

FRUIT SALE

The annual sale of grapefruits and oranges will take place December 15th and 16th. Order sheets are currently posted in the warm room. Pink grapefruits are priced at \$18 per case and navel oranges at \$22 per case. Pick-up of orders will be at the Doonan garage where Burns Patterson and Adam Chebetar will be coordinating this project.

MIXED CURLING

John and Mary Jean Keenan report that the Octoberfest competition is progressing and that the extension of mixed curling to Friday evenings has required much ingenuity in scheduling. The Friday draws which appear to be popular, have resulted in free ice time during the weekend. The Mixed Curling Committee encourages us to utilize this available time. New curlers joining us this season are Isobel Mort, Don and Peg Fisk, Sharon Gallagher and Jerry McCarty.

EDITORS' NOTES

- In the October Duck Soup we reported that the Fundspiel hosted by the Kelley's and Caspers' had realized \$3500. This figure was based upon a quick accounting done at the request of the editors. The final accounting indicates that the event, in fact, realized \$4200. The committee is to be congratulated.
- Ed Doonan advises all lead couples in the Mixed that rather than cursing the darkness while waiting for skips to decide on their next brilliant strategem, it would benefit the general level of housekeeping to inspect the ice for straws and other debris. The editors understand that the first lead couple to collect one pound of such debris will, in return receive a short lesson in creative accounting from Bill Kelley.
- In order to insure the timely issuance of December's Duck Soup, all news items should be forwarded to the editors by December 15th.

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



Number 3

December 23, 1984

ARDSLEY MIXED BONSPIEL - - JANUARY 18, 19, 20, 1985

Don't miss the good times!!! Lots of fun during the big social weekend of the season, including:

- Informal House Parties on Friday Night, January 18 at Ficalora's, Keenan's, Elliott's and Doonan's (many thanks). Includes all drinks, appetizers, delicious buffet dinner, dessert and socializing with visiting curlers and our members - - all for \$15.00 per person. (Space limited, so sign up early).
- Dinner Dance at the Club on Saturday Night, January 19 with a great live band, the unsurpassed cuisine of the Club and lots of laughs with your good friends - - share this nite with our great visitors and the lively ones from our club - - all for \$27.50 per person.
- Watch the Matches - Visit with friends and the visiting teams, partake of lunch in the warm room - - all day Friday and Saturday - - Finals on Sunday afternoon, January 20 - - Cheer on our teams!

LOOK FOR THE SIGN UP SHEET - - See you there! For information call Janet Alesio or Brenda Clarke.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CURLING

If you have not already made your commitment, please notify the committee of your planned attendance at Ardsley's New Year's Eve Party. President Herndon Fletcher alerts us to the fact that the Country Club is also hosting a party that evening and parking space may be at a premium. He encourages car pooling if at all possible.

MEMBERSHIP

This year we have welcomed 15 new members to Ardsley. Unfortunately, membership losses have effected only a small net gain. Due to the mix of our adds and losses, projected income from dues is expected to decline approximately 10%. President Herndon Fletcher reminds us that the assuredly best way to avoid an assessment is to come up with new candidates for membership.

Nearly 60% of the curling season remains so let us redouble our recruitment efforts. The Board has voted that following January 1st, membership dues for new members will be reduced by 50%. Members are encouraged to bring prospects to either the New Year's Eve Party or the Headless Horseperson Bonspiel early in January. Prospective members at these events will be guests of Ardsley.

M E N ' S C U R L I N G

BLANTON

The Blanton Competition was completed in mid-December with Dave Marr's rink taking the Gold medal. Dave's only loss during the event was to Walter Baggett and his rink. A play-off was required for second place as both Ed Godbold and George Bollenbacher finished with 5 wins and 2 losses. Ed carried the match and captured the Silver.

| <u>Rink</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Marr | 6 | 1 |
| Godbold | 5 | 2 |
| Bollenbacher | 5 | 2 |
| Sugahara | 4 | 3 |
| Baggett | 3 | 4 |
| Hill | 3 | 4 |
| Broadhurst | 1 | 6 |
| Mort | 1 | 6 |

WILDS

The Wilds Competition has also reached completion but at the time of publication, the complete standings were not available. It is known though that the Beaudrias/Ficalora rink finished with a perfect 11 - 0 record to take the Gold. Assisting Mike and Tony were George Bollenbacher, Wayne Stewart, George Spitzer and the much traveled Pat Clarke.

ETIQUETTE

Men's Curling Chairman Burns Patterson reports that his committee and the Board of Directors have been working to ensure that week night matches begin promptly and end at a reasonable hour. The projected measure of reducing matches to 8 ends was considered too severe and was rejected. The group concensus is that the slowness of matches is attributable to:

- lengthy conferences between skips and team members;
- players delaying entering the hack; and
- matches not starting at 8 p.m.

Burns stresses that curling etiquette discourages team members from offering their opinions to the skip unless such opinions have been solicited. Each team member, especially the vice-skip, has his own peculiar strategic preference but he is encouraged by Burns, in the interest of action, to keep it to himself. The skips are asked to make their necessary deliberations as short as possible.

Each curler should anticipate his turn and be ready in the hack before the skip signals the shot. Once the skip positions his broom, the curler should be ready to deliver the stone.

Games scheduled for 8 p.m. should commence with the first stone curling down the ice at exactly 8 p.m. Lateness of team members should not delay starts and players are encouraged to arrive early enough to dress and prepare accordingly.

Burns assures us that if match start delays continue, penalties may be imposed. A game without delays is fun for everyone. Please do your part to keep things moving.

MEN'S SENIOR CURLING

Bob Whitman has informed the editors that the answer to last month's conundrum - - the meaning of the acronym "MAS" is:

Metallic Age Seniors

(Gold in their teeth, Silver in their hair and
Lead in their pants)

The editors wish to remind club members that we never promised that our Duck Soup would be another Atlantic Monthly.

THE 1984 DYKES COMPETITION

Ardsley has the honor of hosting this bonspiel which is reserved for men curlers with 5 years or less experience. Beginning on January 31st and continuing through February 3rd, this event will bring to Ardsley the finest of new - not necessarily young - curlers. Our club has already enrolled a rink - Jack Streckfuss, John McCormack, Wayne Stewart and Pat Clarke. It is rumored that Dick McCray is recruiting a second rink. Those interested eligibles should contact Dick as soon as possible.

There will be a cocktail reception for the visiting curlers in the warm room from 5 - 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 2nd. Club members are encouraged to attend. Finals of the 3 events will begin early in the afternoon on Sunday, February 3rd. Observers will be welcome at all matches, so call the club during that weekend for schedules.

Our records indicate that Ardsley has captured the Dykes cup three times:

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Dick Wells | 1950 |
| Ed Sibert | 1963 |
| Adam Chebetar | 1981 |

Bunky Harmon is coordinating the committee efforts.

L A D I E S ' C U R L I N G

THREE BROOMS

On Friday, December 14th, Ardsley hosted the first round of the annual Three Brooms Competition with the Westchester Wicks and Nutmeg. Fran Garred, assisted by Bobbie Patterson, Clair Noble and Ruth Marston, skipped the Ardsley I rink to victory

over Wicks II led by Marie Jacobs. The Ardsley II rink of Carol Meszaros, skip, Vanda Ficalora, Jean MacIntosh and Marion Cowles was victorious over Nutmeg II led by Jan Seaton. The score, a lopsided 16 to 2 included three penalty points imposed for a late start. In the third match of this opening round, Wicks I bested Nutmeg I in a close match.

The ladies express their thanks to Peg Heath and Marian Cowles for chairing the event, to Bette Fletcher for the lunch and arrangements, and to "Fletch" for score-keeping, refereeing and bartending.

PHILADELPHIA BONSPIEL

Ardsley was represented at the Philadelphia Belles Winter Spiel by Fran Garred, Jinny Hill, Doris Garrison and Sirkka Whitman. An easy drive from Westchester, the event was marked by the host club's hospitality, a fine dinner in the nicely furnished warm room and a visit to the nearby King of Prussia Mall. As for the curling, Fran Garred will only state that Ardsley did not win.

The Ladies have started the Wells-Wicks competition - the six week club championship event.

A warm Ardsley welcome to Jean Murff, who previously curled with our club, and to Dorothy Hatton who joins us from Australia.

M I X E D C U R L I N G

OCTOBERFEST COMPETITION

This event was completed on December 16th. Many new and experienced curlers participated. The Keenans and Roys captured first place while Wayne Stewart, Barbara Caspers and Jane and John McCormack finished a close second.

| <u>Rink</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Keenan/Roy | 63 |
| Stewart-Caspers/McCormack | 60-1/4 |
| Bollenbacher/Kelley | 47-1/2 |
| Warriner/Clarke | 47-1/2 |
| Fletcher/McCray | 44-3/4 |
| Broadhurst/Fisk | 44-1/2 |
| Mort/Marston | 42-1/4 |
| Patterson/Haff-Noble | 41-1/2 |
| Whitman/McCarty-Gallagher | 39-1/2 |
| Hewitt-Garred/Yarabek-Dickinson | 39-1/4 |
| Hill/Elliott | 35-1/2 |
| Beaudrais/Alesio | 33-1/4 |
| Wells/Whitley | 28-1/2 |

ROYAL MONTREAL BONSPIEL

In early December, Bette and President Herndon Fletcher traveled to Montreal where, joined by Marilyn and Hank Eager now of Watertown, New York, they participated in this prestigious bonspiel. Fletch assures us that the drive north was particularly dramatic as an early snowfall had draped the mountains and pines with 10-12 inches of white. The Royal Montreal Club, centrally

located in that cosmopolitan city is 177 years old and is famous for its hospitality and super-keen ice. Friday's competition resulted in our rink's losing to Brae Burn and the host club. Fletch assures us that the club bar was the scene of heart-rending lamentations.

Saturday, the picture changed as victories were recorded over The Country Club and Wellesley. The Country Club rink included our own Mary and Steve Kitses. These victories led to the finals of the third event on Sunday when Ardsley faced Saint Lambert. A ding-dong affair with the score tied after the 7th end, Saint Lambert won the event when in the last end, their second managed to draw a stone through a cluttered house to the button. Despite valiant efforts, the stone remained and the day was lost.

E D I T O R S ' N O T E S

CLUB ASSETS:

- Jimmy Lento recently repaired the scoreboard and has been consistently helpful to the editors in preparing Duck Soup.
- Ed Doonan directed the installation of the blue carpeting around the curling sheets. Donated by the Ladies, the carpeting is a great improvement over the previous burlap-like covering.
- Ann and Dick McCray and Catherine Dickinson coordinated the attractive Christmas decorations in the warm room and entrance. Dick is also to be congratulated for his fine efforts as bar chairman.

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M E N ' S C U R L I N G

GRAND NATIONAL SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

Buoyed by the memory of Ardsley's capture of the first event of this popular competition in 1984, eight of our finest senior curlers sallied forth to Nutmeg over the January 24th to 27th weekend. Defending first event, winners Bob Whitman, George Shirk, Ed Sibert and Jim Zonino ran into stiff competition and lost their two initial matches on last rocks. Undeterred, Bob skipped Ardsley I to three subsequent victories and in the finals of the fourth event, defeated Bill Cousin's Weston rink 11-2. Interestingly, considering Bob's interest in acronyms, the Senior's fourth event medal is the CROCS, named for Crystal River Oldtimers Curling Society, the charter members of which founded the present day Nutmeg Curling Club. Ardsley II with Jim Lento, Herndon Fletcher, Ed Doonan and skip Len Warriner won two matches and lost two. The editors understand that Jim Lento was questioned regarding his eligibility to compete in a Senior's competition and had to provide certification of his birth date. The first event was won by Chet Witlock's Chesapeake rink which defeated Albany's Neil Fitzgerald 8 to 7. Bob Whitman assures us that our senior curlers are looking forward to the 1986 competition.

THE DOUGLAS

Three Ardsley rinks skipped by Chebetar, Sugahara and Baggett entered this annual GNCC bonspiel hosted by Saint Andrews. By Sunday's finals, the high level of competition had resulted in the elimination of Kay Sugahara's rink and the pairing in the third event of Adam Chebetar's rink - Shirk, Patterson and Sibert - - with Walter Baggett's rink - Streckfuss, McCormack and Stewart. In a hard-fought match, Walter carried the day and experienced his first GNCC bonspiel victory while skipping. Congratulations Walter!!

WILD'S COMPETITION

The final standings in the Wild's competition show the Mike Beaudrias/Tony Ficalora rink with a perfect 11-0 record.

ARD - 6
STA - 3
CAL-PA - 2

| <u>Skips</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Beaudrias/Ficalora | 11 | 0 |
| Whitman/Warriner | 7 | 4 |
| Patterson/Harmon | 7 | 4 |
| Sibert/Wells | 6 | 5 |
| Sugahara/Stone | 6 | 5 |
| - McKernan/Keyser STA | 6 | 5 |
| - Cooper/Slaybaugh CAL | 6 | 5 |
| Marr/Godbold | 5 | 6 |
| - Button/Jasmine CAL | 4 | 7 |
| - Bankes/McKay STA | 2 | 9 |
| - Nauss/Steward STA | 0 | 11 |

L A D I E S ' C U R L I N G

EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL

Ardsley, one of four clubs sponsoring the Empire State Bonspiel sent two rinks to this 16 rink competition. Ardsley I - Bobbie Patterson, Mary Jean Keenan, Carol Meszaros and Betsy Bollenbacher - bested Hershey in its first match then lost to Schenectady I and Norfolk in close games involving ties and extra ends. Ardsley II - Faye Beadle, Fran Garred, Judy Kelley and Katherine Dickinson - lost to Norfolk (E. Childs was deadly) but defeated Schenectady II and The Country Club to face Nashua in the finals of the second event. In a well played match Nashua pulled out a victory in the eleventh end. Faye Beadle is to be congratulated for doing a fine job skipping her first bonspiel. The Wicks did a beautiful job hosting the spiel and everyone admired the Ardsley Duck and Duckling.

ARD-WICK

This year in the ladies first curling event, Ardsley combined teams with the Westchester Wicks. The event was called the Ard-Wick and ran for four Wednesday mornings. All three sheets of ice were in use which has been a rarity for both clubs recently. The winning team - 3 wins and 1 loss - was skipped by Marita Smith, with Janet Alesio as vice, Pat Button two and Betty Fletcher lead.

ICEBREAKER

The Icebreaker, run on Thursday mornings for Ardsley curlers only, was won by Fay Beadle's rink. She was ably assisted by Judy Kelley as vice, Katherine Dickinson two and Ruth Russell lead.

The ladies are now in the throes of the Wells Wicks club championship. On the 6th and 7th of February they will have the All American bonspiel and then it's off to St. Andrews for the last three Thursdays in February for another Ard-Wick event.

M I X E D C U R L I N G

ARDSLEY MIXED BONSPIEL

Janet and Dan Alesio's Chairperson's report on the fifteenth holding of this competition indicates that it was a smashing success. Sixteen rinks - a draw scheduling delight - joined in friendly battle and provided participants and spectators alike with exciting

action. The first event Child's medal went to Granite of Toronto which defeated Chesapeake 13 to 9. The Granite rink whose ladies wore tartan skirts brought with it some of the finer touches of traditional curling. The Chesapeake rink included our own Teresa and Sara Welch. The Second event Ardsley Medal went to Nutmeg which defeated Saint Andrews II 14 to 3. St. Andrews I took the third event by defeating Philadelphia 13 to 5. Ardsley which fielded two strong rinks - Marston and Bollenbacher - had to settle for victory in the consolation event as the Bollenbachers and Streckfuss' defeated Winchester.

The social events were as memorable as the curling. Friday evening, over 100 participating curlers and Club members enjoyed fine food, libations and good company at the Ficalora, Keenan, Elliott and Doonan houses. Saturday evening the social scene shifted to the Ardsley Country Club where cocktails and dinner were enlivened by the music of Dick VanGorder and his trio. A high point of the evening was Dan Alesio's introduction of the participating rinks. Well researched, Dan's witty remarks were in the best tradition of Ardsley hospitality. Several times alluded to during the responses of participating skips were their "lovely wives": the redundancy was obvious to all.

The Final matches on Sunday were preceded by the "piping" of the participating rings onto the ice. The large turnout of spectators was enthralled as the Child's medal was decided by the last rock.

Modest about their own fine efforts, Janet and Dan wish to thank the many members who contributed to the success of this event - referees, substitutes, dinner hostesses, the ladies who prepared breakfasts and lunches and those who assumed the cooking duties after Janet injured her wrist in a fall on the ice. In particular, the efforts of Brenda and Pat Clarke must be mentioned. To be successful, an event on the scale of the Ardsley Mixed requires the selfless participation of co-chairpersons. Brenda and Pat cheerfully provided that participation.

HEADLESS HORSEMAN

This popular post-holiday bonspiel was held during the weekend of January 12th - 14th. Gerry and Ken Whitley with Betsy and George Bollenbacher coordinated the activities which culminated in the presentation of the coveted Washington and Irving medals. The first event was captured by defending champion Bunky Harmon who led his rink - Pippa Broadhurst, John DeRoos and Doug Bauman - to victory over Fran Garred's rink - Dick McCray, Katherine Dickinson and the ad hoc vice skips Bob Haynes, George Bollenbacher and Bruce Mitchell. If the editors' memories are correct, Bunky captured the first event in 1984 with an all male rink - a subject of much discussion at the time. He appears to have laid the issue to rest. The second event was taken by John and Mary Jean Keenan assisted by Charlie and Ann Elliott who defeated Paul and Isobel Mort whose lead couple were Bill and Judy Kelley. The

Third event went to the Caspers and Clarkes who edged out the Ficaloras and their lead couple, Steve Yarabek and Claire Noble.

SCHENECTADY BONSPIEL

The weekend of January 25th to 27th saw the Beaudrias' and Streckfuss' trekking north to participate in the good fellowship and hospitality provided by the Schenectady Curling Club. It is not recorded whether Caroline Beaudrias accompanied her parents or not. Although the Ardsley rink was not victorious, a St. Andrew's rink skipped by Pete McKernan and including our own Barrie Patterson took the 4th event. The first event went to Albany, the second to Missasauga and the third to the home entry.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notes from recent meetings of Board of Directors:

- Increase in liability insurance premium was noted.
- Repairs to the heating system were reported as in progress.
- Listings for Curling - Ardsley will be inserted in Westchester and Manhattan telephone directories.
- Dave Porter, GNCC President is expected to attend the Dykes banquet at the Ardsley Country Club.
- Signs will be posted to encourage abstinence from smoking while on the ice.
- House Chairman Wayne Stewart has been requested to acquire and install signs stating the non-smoking admonition. (Wayne is concerned about the effect on his own insurance premiums.)
- Ruth and Paul Marston will work with a group of teenagers to introduce them to curling each Saturday at 5:15 p.m. The Board approves their efforts and offers its encouragement.
- The TV system is being adjusted and should be in full operation shortly.
- Bunky Harmon, our representative, is offering USCA pins at three levels: Booster - \$15, Patron - \$30 and Century Club - \$100.
- Ed Doonan reported that the ice was fine and no objection to that evaluation was noted.

CLUB ASSETS

Jinny and Bob Hill with their daughter Liz coordinated the "refreshing" of the men's room in the dressing area. Tasteful wallpaper was expertly applied, towel racks and mirror installed and carpeting laid. A fine effort by the Hills.

RANDOM NOTES

A senior male curler was observed of a recent evening sharpening the points of the bar pencils with an instrument he had brought from home. As he worked, he was heard to utter: "For want of a nail the shoe was lost, for want of a"

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IN MEMORIAM

The death occurred recently of H. Laurence Achilles, a towering figure in American Curling. An Appreciation of Mr. Achilles will appear in the next issue of Duck Soup.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The annual meeting of the Ardsley Curling Club will be held in the warm room at 8 p.m. on March 21st. Projected business will include the election of four directors to constitute the Class of 1988 and the amending of the By-Laws to include "senior" as a class of membership. Secretary Dave Marr encourages all members to return signed proxies as soon as possible. All members are welcome to attend the meeting.

M E N ' S C U R L I N G

DYKES MEMORIAL

The weekend of February 1st to 3rd saw the 45th Francis Dykes Bonspiel hosted by Ardsley, N.Y. The Francis Dykes Memorial Medal honors the memory of Francis Dykes, a devoted curler and Secretary to the Grand National from 1905 to 1920. Its donor wished to provide an opportunity for relatively new Grand National curlers to experience competitive curling without having to vie with the "Old Boys". Dykes continues to fulfill this purpose, as 15 rinks whose members have five years or less curling experience participated.

The Nutmeg rink, Dave Noble, Skip, Charlie Cooke, Ed Hetrick, and Jim Turner, continued that Club's recent domination of the "Dykes Medal". After an exciting second round match with Chesapeake and a well-curved semi-final match with Schenectady which included three dead ends, they defeated St. Andrews 13-5 in the Finals. The runner-up St. Andrews rink was skipped by Arnold Eshoo, with Joe Picard, Ian Bruce and Peter Krupowicz.

The Second Event, the Brookline Trophy, was won by Philadelphia: Tony Steiert, Skip, Andrew Hoenig, Charles Lobb and Rick Flamand. They defeated the strong New York Caledonian rink of Charles Gutekunst, Skip, John Acciavatti, Jim Gutekunst and John Kassenbaum by 11-5.

The Utica #2 rink, John Martin, Skip, Don Knapp, Matt Cashion and Martin Balzer, won the Third Event, the Davies Bowl, over the valiant hometown Ardsley #2 rink skipped by Jack Streckfuss with John McCormack, Wayne Stewart and Pat Clarke.

Consolation "Fourth" Event provided an exciting final match when Plainfield came back from a four stone deficit to take the match in an extra end from Cape Cod. The winning Plainfield rink consisted of Ray Lawreck, Skip, John Lelo, Dave Wilson and Jim Vigilante. The Cape Cod rink skipped by West Roosevelt included Malchholm MacPhail, Art Harry and Paul Breslin.

Contrary to information provided in the last issue of Duck Soup the General Chairman of this event was Ed Sibert who was assisted by Hospitality Chairman Dick Wells, Treasurer and Bar Chairman Bob Whitman and Dinner Chairman Bunky Harmon.

Participating curlers at the dinner were honored by the presence of Dave Porter, President of the Grand National Curling Club. Introduced by Ed Sibert, he eloquently reviewed the history of the organization. To mark the 45th anniversary of the Dykes event he presented to the club a facsimile of excerpts from the Reverend J. W. Kerr's "The Scottish Team Curling in Canada and the United States". Published during the first decade of this century, the Reverend Kerr's impressions of New York City and its environs provide fascinating reading for today's curler. Written when Manhattan's commercial and social center was at 23rd Street, he acquaints us with Mayor Seth Low, the Flatiron Building with its "wind swirl" which raised skirts and revealed the ankles of passing young ladies and Tammany, which the Reverend lamented was once again in the ascendancy. Reverend Kerr's preoccupation with Tammany may have been less than altruistic but his relation of the importance of Scottish Stone Masons to the introduction of curling in this area is worthy of record for, as he notes, they fashioned the first stones from granite found in the meadows of Manhattan. The perserverance of these early curlers has given us our game.

NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL

The New York International which is co-hosted annually by Ardsley and St. Andrews was held during the weekend of February 22nd through 24th. Ardsley Chairman Mike Beaudrias reports that 28 American and Canadian rinks participated. This large-scale event requires much careful planning and the selfless assistance of dozens of Ardsley members. Mike wishes to thank the following and apologizes for any omissions:

Breakfasts: Jim Lento, Bruce Mitchell. (Jim is still rooting for Scarborough!)

House Parties: Betsy and George Bollenbacher and Betty Beaudrias

Referees: Ed Hand, Norman Beaudrias, Paul Mort, Ed Godbold, Tony Ficalora, Paul Marston, Burns Patterson

Cashiers: Margaret Beaudrias, Graham Dickinson, Vince Brice, Doug Bauman, Vonda Ficalora, Ruth Marston

Lunches: Bobbie Patterson, Sirkka Whitman, Jane McCormack, Carol Ernst

Ice: Ed Doonan
Bar: Dick McCray
Coordination: Clair Noble
Hors d'oeuvres: Judy Kelley

The standings after the Finals were:

- 1st Event - Garden State over Hylands
- 2nd Event - Town of Mount Royal over Ilderton
- 3rd Event - Royal City over N. Y. Caledonians
(Phil Stone appeared for Royal City wearing
Jack Streckfuss' spare trousers)
- 4th Event - Hamilton Thistle over Lambdon
- 5th Event - Scarborough over Plainfield
- 6th Event - Unionville over Nashua II

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

The Washington's Birthday matches were curled on Monday February 18th. Those fortunate enough to be at leisure on this newly designated Presidents' Day flocked to St. Andrews for the three scheduled draws. The team competition, decided on total points went to Ardsley and the medal for individual point differential was captured by Ed Godbold's rink.

| <u>St. Andrews</u> | | <u>Ardsley</u> | | <u>Ardsley Point Difference</u> |
|--------------------|------|----------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| Mojo | (5) | Whitman | (13) | +8 |
| Bankes | (5) | Beaudrias | (9) | +4 |
| Button | (5) | Harmon | (14) | +9 |
| Cea | (4) | Marr | (8) | +4 |
| Dunn | (6) | Bollenbacher | (10) | +4 |
| McKernan | (12) | Chebatar | (5) | -7 |
| Zweifel | (2) | Godbold | (15) | +13 |
| Slaybaugh | (7) | Patterson | (11) | +4 |
| POINTS | | | | |
| | 46 | | 85 | 39 |

CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Windeler, Thorndyke and Jug Ogden competitions are nearing completion but the editors have not been apprised of current standings. It is known that the Ardsley rinks in the Jug Ogden are in a close race to decide which of the three skips will move up to the Blanton competition next November. Jack Streckfuss and Bruce Mitchell have met defeat only twice and Paul Mort three times. The remaining matches are expected to generate more interest than usual.

BONSPIELS

Ardsley was represented during February at two bonspiels to the North: The STOCKTON at the Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts and the GORDON at Schenectady, the latter representing the Grand National Curling Club Men's Championship. At Brookline on

the weekend of February 8th - 10th, Bunky Harmon led Jim Lento, Joe Potter and Paul Marston to the semi-finals of the third event. Victory denied in the Commonwealth, Bunky vowed "Once more into the breach" and led Ed Godbold, Wayne Stewart and Bruce May to a 1 and 2 showing at Schenectady. A high point for Ardsley in that competition was a victory over the Cape Cod Rink which had previously carried the District II play downs for the Nationals.

NOTES

President Herndon Fletcher has announced that subject to confirmation by the Country Club, the Men's closing dinner will be held by the evening of March 29th. The date has been moved forward so as not to conflict with Good Friday observances. A letter will be forthcoming from Fletch.

Due to the misplacing of chits relating to the purchase of club pins, Fletch asks that all those who purchased pins during or after the Dykes Competition place duplicate chits in the basket near the bulletin board in the warm room.

L A D I E S C U R L I N G

The ladies are alerted that volunteers are needed on Wednesday March 27th at 10 a.m. to help in the annual clean-up of the curling club. Those who can participate should contact Jinny Hill.

M I X E D C U R L I N G

Ardsley Intra Club Mixed Bonspiel

The Ardsley Intra-Club Mixed Curling Championship was held during the weekend of February 8th through 10th. Coordinated by Jinny and Bob Hill, this event drew many curlers who ordinarily do not compete in mixed events. Featuring a Saturday evening dinner in the warm room, the competition offered attractive silver goblets and glassware as team prizes. In the final events the Whitman/Roy rink took first, Charley Marks and Vonda Ficalora with several leads including Wayne Stewart and Judy Kelley captured second and the Fletchers and McCormacks won through to take third.

ICE CRYSTAL

This January/February event got off to a slow start as the opening matches of January 4th were cancelled because of inclement weather. These matches were soon made up and the final results show that the Broadhurst, Ficalora and Bollenbacher rinks finished with perfect 3 - 0 records.

| <u>Rink</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Broadhurst - Clarke | 46 |
| Ficalora - Kelley | 42-1/4 |
| Bollenbacher - McCarty/Gallagher | 41-1/4 |

| <u>Rink</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Marston - Stewart/Mezaros | 29-1/4 |
| Whitman - Elliott | 28 |
| Mort - McCray/Dickinson | 26-1/4 |
| Warriner - Roy | 22-3/4 |
| Keenan - et al | 21 |
| Fletcher - Whitley | 16-3/4 |
| Hill - Yarabek/Noble | 14-1/2 |
| Casper - McCormack | 14-1/4 |
| Hewitt/Garred - Alesio | 9-1/2 |

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Former Ardsley Curler Gerry Carpenter writes from Australia that Curling has been successfully introduced in that nation. An initial set of stones arrived in June 1984 through the good offices of the American Curling Foundation and shortly thereafter, the inaugural meeting of the Australian Curling Association was held at a Melbourne location. Gerry assures us that the event was marked by "Toasting" of the stones with good Scot's whiskey and that the Haggis was enjoyed by all in attendance. June 28th saw the first stone thrown at the Dandenong Ice Rink and scheduled matches began in July. The Association moved in December to the Oakligh Ice Rink, the icemaster there having previous experience in Glasgow, and the standard of play improved rapidly. The season ended in December and is in recess until April or May. Two additional sets of stones are currently on order and the Association is confident that membership will increase during 1985. The Australian Curling Association expresses its appreciation to President Don McKay of the American Curling Foundation for his advice and assistance and to Ardsley's Bill Ray for his good offices.

RANDOM NOTES

A proposal that the question of limiting men's weekday matches to eight ends should be voted on by all participants and not by skips alone has gained a certain vocal following. Allusions to 40 Shilling Freeholders and the "Rights of Man" are not uncommon.

The posting of the "No Smoking on the Ice" admonition by House Chairman Wayne Stewart has not yet taken place. Wayne assures the editors that conditions are not yet correct - - he is awaiting an eclipse of the moon.