

Ardsley Curling Club



POST OFFICE BOX 7054
ARDSLEY-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK 10503-0054

July 10, 1985

Dear Curler:

It seems only a few weeks ago that we were packing our curling sweaters away in moth balls. However, we are now half-way to the start of the 1985-86 season. The purpose of this letter is to highlight some upcoming events in September and October before we actually hit the ice and to fill you in on our current financial position.

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Sept. 12-14, Iceless Bonspiel on Cape Cod at the Chatham Bars Inn. Meet your friends from other Grand National clubs and have a great weekend of golf, tennis, swimming, quoits and parties. A reservation form is enclosed.

Sept. 28, Fundspiel at the Curling Club. We are once again indebted to the Kelleys and Caspers for heading up this important event, and their presence assures us of a great get-together. As part of our fund raising, an opportunity to make a donation will be offered.

Fran Garred, who has agreed to oversee the Silent Auction, an essential aspect of the Fundspiel, sends the following message: "Don't forget the Silent Auction. If you don't like what you bought last year, bring it back for someone else. We welcome everything! Thanks to the Doonans, their garage may be used as the dropping-off place."

Oct. 12, Cocktail party for prospective new members and all curlers at the Ardsley Country Club. We plan to revive this old custom and hope for your enthusiastic participation.

Oct. 25, Men's opening dinner.

Oct. 26, Open house.

Nov. 2-3, Curl Canada instruction.

We are also enclosing a summary of our financial operations for the past two years. We have again been able to avoid any increase in dues or an assessment -- but just barely. Our future financial status will depend entirely on our ability to bring new members into the club.

Sincerely,

Fletch

ESTIMATES OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	Year Ended Sept. 30, 1984	Year Ended Sept. 30, 1985	
Beginning Cash	\$ 1,083	\$ 2,076	3/31 ECT
Income			
Dues and Initiation Fees	\$31,418	\$29,640	29,470
Fundspiel	4,504	4,155	
Bar Commissions	4,506	5,801	4,792
Oranges and Grapefruit	3,790	3,995	3,816
Other	3,900	16,898	11,082
	<u>\$48,118</u>	<u>\$60,489</u>	<u>49,160</u>
Expenses			
Electricity	\$15,240	\$15,239	15,825
Real Estate Taxes	8,455	8,969	8,996
Repairs and Maintenance	611	723	723
Wages	6,847	7,102	7,018
Interest	1,094	1,094	1,094
Insurance	2,294	3,721	3,721
Supplies	597	1,289	1,140
Trophies and Medals	1,615	1,436	1,210
Stationery and Postage	811	836	374
Pins	882	573	533
Oil and Gas	1,943	1,950	1,690
Association Dues	847	666	666
Billing Services	500	500	500
Bar Food	387	694	625
Other	3,568	10,050	
	<u>\$45,691</u>	<u>\$54,842</u>	<u>48,457</u>
Net Profit (Loss)	\$ 2,427	2,647 \$ 5,647	(1,297)
Capital Expenditures	\$ 934	1,652 \$ 4,652	1,652
Ending Cash	\$ 2,576	995 \$ 3,071	(1,355)

Note: These figures are largely complete. A most significant item is the handsome gift of TV sets, cameras, etc. by Mr. Kay Sugahara. This equipment is valued at \$3,000 and shown in Other Income and Capital Expenditures. Without this generous contribution, our Profit figure would be \$2,647 compared with the \$2,427 of last year. In 1985, gross figures for Bonspiel income and expenses are shown whereas net figures only were shown in prior years.

SUMMARY OF YEARS 1980-1985

Year	Dues	Other Income	Total	Expenses	Profit
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
1984-85	29,640	30,849	60,489	54,842	5,647

* 15% Dues Increase

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September 9, 1985

Dear Curler:

We must know your curling plans as soon as possible. Please send back the enclosed form TODAY. With the addition of our friends from St. Andrews, New York Caledonian and Mahopac, we have major scheduling tasks.

To get the season off in a proper way, we have scheduled the following events for your pleasure:

Sept. 28	Fundspiel
Oct. 12	Cocktail Party
Oct. 19	Clean up
Oct. 25	Men's Opening Dinner
Oct. 26	Open House
Oct. 29	Men's Curling Begins
Oct. 30	Ladies' Curling Begins
Nov. 2-3	Curl Canada
Nov. 8	Mixed Curling Begins

Please reserve these dates; details will be forthcoming.

For men curlers in the Blanton on weeknights, we are giving them an opportunity to express their wishes regarding 8-end versus 10-end matches. There are strong views on both sides of this question, so the Board has voted that the issue will be decided for this year on the basis of the majority of all participants voting. Please check your preference on the enclosed ballot.

We are expecting an exciting curling year and your enthusiastic participation is essential.

See you soon,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fletcher".

N. Herndon Fletcher

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



Number 1

November 2, 1985

P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

THE CURTAIN RISES

As of this writing on October 26, we are poised to begin a new season on the ice. With the addition of our friends from St. Andrews, New York Caledonian and Mahopac, this year promises to be one of the most active and exciting of recent years.

Already we have had some noteworthy events. Under the dynamic leadership of Judy and Bill Kelley, with the strong support of Barbara and Horst Caspers, we again had a great evening at the Fundspiel. This is more than a great assistance to our budget - - it is a joyous reunion. (In some cases, there was much joy!)

The Ladies have had their annual opening luncheon which was attended by a large and enthusiastic group, including the Westchester Wicks. They are fully organized and have completed their portion of getting the club in shape, for which we give our thanks. They are ready to go.

Behind the scenes, our Ice Chairman, Ed Doonan, has been spending much of the last two weeks getting our ice in shape. I wonder how many of you realize the hours and hours Ed gives to the club. We are all deeply indebted to him for his devotion.

This year, we tried the experiment of inviting "Shorty" Jenkins for consultation. Shorty is one of the most respected ice men in Canada and has been given responsibility for making the ice for such well-known events as the Brier and Uniroyal. With the help of his expertise, we are expecting a significant improvement this year. Special thanks to Bette and Mike Beaudrias for housing and caring for Shorty and his wife during their stay, as well as arranging for the visit.

Applause is also due Wayne Stewart, House Chairman, for his management of the annual clean-up. Anyone who can get 20 men out on a Saturday morning is marked for higher things.

Once again, Judy and Bill Kelley hosted the Open House. They report the presence of more prospective new members than usual. We know that you will extend warm greetings to all new members who give our great sport a try.

Monday, October 28, begins our regular schedule. Our ice will be very busy for the first time in years. There will be some inconvenience and no doubt a few adjustments will be necessary. We ask your patience and indulgence while these are sorted out. In accordance with long-standing plans, I am very wisely getting out of town for the period November 6 to December 5. Any difficulties you may have should be addressed to Mr. Edward Doonan, Vice President, during this time. He has very broad shoulders.

ORGANIZATION

A directory of officers, chairpersons and special assignments along with a projected schedule are attached. This outlines the organization of the Club. Broad participation by the membership is vital to our success.

In most cases, we have designated committees for this season's Special Events. We are asking the first couple named to act as chairman or coordinator to put the committee together. We also expect St. Andrews to participate.

We have tried for a wide coverage so that nearly everyone may contribute. However, if you don't see your name on the list, don't hesitate to volunteer. Of course, we will all need to lend our support and help if asked.

If for any reason you cannot serve as requested, please try to swap with someone else and insure that the job is done. If you do not wish to participate at all, please advise Gerry or Ken Whitley promptly.

HERNDON FLETCHER

FUND SPIEL 1985

The Kelley's and Caspers' once again provided a fitting start to a new curling season by hosting this annual event. While providing an enjoyable social setting for curlers to recount summer experiences and to anticipate forthcoming triumphs on the ice, the fundspiel is also a major source of funding for Ardsley. A successful evening is reflected not only in pleasant memories but also in a positive cash balance and the absence of a late season assessment on the membership. The large attendance was silently vigorous in bidding on the auction items and vocal in its praise of the dinner. Particularly remarked upon were the hors d'oeuvres prepared by many of the ladies. The committee, which preliminarily reports a profit exceeding \$3000, wishes to thank all those who assisted in the decorating, setting and clean up and expresses special thanks to the Irvington Presbyterian Church which graciously provided tables and chairs for the event.

HOUSE

House Chairman Wayne Stewart hosted his annual "Cleanspiel" on Saturday, October 19th. He reports that:

- the warm room paneling has been polished
- all light fixtures are cleaned and operating
- the closed-circuit television is functioning
- the front door and lock have been repaired
- the path from the front door to the tram has been sealed
- all rugs have been cleaned

- the floors have been polished
- all wall decorations and trophies have been cleaned
- the bar has been restored
- several of the 73 steps to the parking lot have been replaced.

Wayne wishes to thank the 20 members who gave of their time to participate in the cleanup and the ladies who cheerfully performed the tasks overlooked by the men.

B O A R D O F D I R E C T O R S N O T E S

At the Board's March meeting, four members were elected to the directorship class of 1988:

D. Alesio
M. Beaudrias
B. Patterson
W. Stewart

Congratulations Gentlemen!!!

At the same meeting, the By-Laws of the Ardsley Curling Club were amended to include a "Senior" class of membership.

A preliminary memorandum setting forth the understandings by which the St. Andrews, Caledonian and Mahopac clubs would utilize the Ardsley facilities during the next two years was presented and discussed. St. Andrews will host its annual Douglas Competition during the weekend of January 9th to 12th. It is understood that this concession will result in no curling for Ardsley members during the period. Unfortunately, there will be insufficient ice time for the St. Andrews Mixed Bonspiel, but the participating clubs will be encouraged to participate in the Ardsley Mixed which is held at about the same time. All Ardsley curlers are anticipating extending their traditional hospitality to our pro tem guests. For administrative purposes the three guest clubs are referred to by the acronym ANCALPAC, suggestive of a rather obscure military alliance. Better we should greet them as fellow curlers and long time friends.

At the October meeting, it was reported that by a 2 to 1 vote the men curlers had opted for 8 rather than 10 end matches in the Blanton competition. President Herndon Fletcher also requested that Bunky Harmon prepare a preliminary program to facilitate Ardsley's hosting of a group of touring Scots curlers during January 1987.

Once again the Board and the Curling Committee discussed ways to speed up curling with particular reference to the need to complete week night matches at a reasonable hour. While the 8 end vote for the Blanton approaches the problem, it does not eliminate the slow play phenomenon. Herndon Fletcher has again outlined the problems and the remedies. Slow play is usually caused by lengthy skip-rink conferences, delays in assuming hack positions and late match starts. Curling etiquette requires that:

- Rink members keep their own strategic counsel and leave the calling of shots to the skip. Skips in turn are expected to keep analysis and decision time to a minimum.

- Curlers should anticipate their turns and be positioned in the hack before the skip calls the shot. Differing opinions should be held in respectful silence and stones delivered soon after the placing of the broom.
- Match start times should be respected and the first stone should be sliding down the ice at that time or soon after. If one curler is late, the match should not be delayed.

A fast-moving game is fun for all members of the rink. All curlers are encouraged to cooperate.

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

Curling Chairman Burns Patterson reports that the Blanton Competition begins on October 29th and that scheduling for the Wilds is in progress. The Wilds is expected to field 14 rinks.

LAST SEASON'S STANDINGS

THORNDIKE

Ardsley 4	Patterson, Marr	10 - 3
St. Andrews	McKay, Stewart	9 - 5
Ardsley 1	Whitman, Godbold	8 - 6
Ardsley 2	Stone, Sugahara	8 - 6
Caledonian 1	Cooper, Button	6 - 6
Ardsley 3	Chebatar, Sibert	6 - 8
St. Andrews 2	Forcheski, McKernan	4 - 10
Caledonian 2	Slaybaugh, Jasmine	3 - 10

JUG OGDEN

Ardsley 3	Mitchell	12 - 3
Ardsley 1	Mort	11 - 4
Ardsley 2	Streckfuss	8 - 6
Caledonian 1	Phares	7 - 7
St. Andrews 1	Eshoo	6 - 8
St. Andrews 2	Zweifel	6 - 8
Caledonian 2	Hunter	4 - 10
St. Andrews 3	Lawrence	3 - 11

Mitchell won the "Jug" in a play-off against P. Mort. This promotes him to a Blanton skip in 85-86.

WINDELER

Patterson	12 - 1
Marr	11 - 2
Chebatar	7 - 6
Godbold	6 - 7
Beaudrias	5 - 8
Whitman	5 - 8
Harmon	4 - 10
Bollenbacher	3 - 11

NOTES :

- Patterson's rink of DeRoos, Doonan, Heffner, Marston, Shirk and Stewart would have enjoyed an undefeated season (almost unheard of) but for a last game loss to Marr. Marr had Clarke, Fletcher, Hayes, Sugahara and D. Whitley.
- Bollenbacher won the "fur-Lined" with his rink of Hill, May, Spitzer, Stone and Yarabek.

BONSPIELS

The first indication of bonspiel interest was Paul Mort's application to the Moncktorian Bonspiel held each November in the capital city of the Province of New Brunswick. An 80 rink event, it has, because of Canadian interest, seldom accepted applications from the lower 48. At last check, Ardsley was fourth on the waiting list, and in expectation of being summoned, Paul Mort, Walter Baggett, Ed Godbold, Wayne Stewart and John McCormack are preparing. John has even promised to refrain from discussing Mrs. Thatcher's proclivities for the weekend.

MEN'S SENIOR CURLING

Regular weekly men's curling each Friday morning starting at 9:30 a.m. is in full swing. Chairman Bob Whitman expresses Ardsley's welcome to senior curlers from St. Andrews and N.Y. Caledonians who will also be participating in these informal eight end matches. Please contact Bob at 591-8643 for any additional information.

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

President Fran Garred reports that the Opening Luncheon, held on October 18th was well attended and that Ardsley was joined by the Westchester Wicks who will be sharing our ice this season. Fran noted the warmth of the traditional Ardsley welcome accorded the Wicks. Introduced at the luncheon were the members of the Executive Board:

Gerry Whitley	- 1st Vice President/Bonspiel Chairman
Jinny Hill	- 2nd Vice President/Curling Chairman
Pat Haff	- Treasurer
Ruth Warriner	- Secretary

Marcella Hanlon, Wicks President, introduced her Board:

Shirley Bruce	- 1st Vice President/Sports Chairman
Marie Jacobs	- 2nd Vice President/Bonspiel Chairman and Three Brooms Chairman
Molly Babcock	- Secretary
Jan Conner	- Treasurer

Fran wishes to thank Jean Heffner for arranging this successful event.

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

The Hills and Whitleys - co-chairs - report that mixed curling will begin on November 8th. Ardsley and ANCALPAC will maintain separate programs, at least for the first half of the season. Unfortunately, scheduling difficulties preclude holding the Ardsley Intraclub Bonspiel this year. You may recall that this event was won last year by the Whitmans and Rays.

LAST SEASON'S STANDINGS

SPRING FLING

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Fletcher - Alesio/Noble	41.75
Mort - Yarabek/Meszaros	36.50
Broadhurst - McCormack	32.00
Ficalora - Roy	29.25
Caspers - Whitley	23.75
Marston - McCray/Dickinson	23.75
Warriner - Elliott	21.00
Bollenbacher - Clarke	20.50
Hewitt/Garred - McCarty/Gallagher	19.50
McIntosh - Kelley	19.25

A report on the Open House and its impact on membership will appear in the next Duck Soup.

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Oct. 28	Men's Curling begins (Blanton)
	Ladies' Curling begins
Nov. 1	Men's Curling Dinner
Nov. 2-3	Curl Canada
Nov. 8	Mixed Curling begins
Nov. 22	Hastings Brick
Dec. 14	Fruit Sale
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party
Jan. 9-12	Douglas (St. Andrews Men's Bonspiel)
Jan. 23-26	Mixed Bonspiel
Feb. 7-9	Headless Horseperson
Feb. 27-Mar. 2	N. Y. International
Mar. 8-9	New Member Bonspiel
Mar. 22	Pull the Plug
Apr. 4	Men's Closing Dinner

ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

OFFICERS

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Herndon Fletcher
Ed Doonan
David Marr
Bruce Mitchell

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Curling
Mixed Curling
Ice
House
Bar

Membership
Nominating
Seniors
Juniors

Burns Patterson
Gerry/Ken Whitley
Ed Doonan
Wayne Stewart
Dick McCray,
Jerry McCarty
Judy/Bill Kelley
Bunky Harmon
Bob Whitman
Ruth/Paul Marston

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Grand National Representative
Out-of-town Bonspiels
Duck Soup
Medals and Trophies
Mixed Friendlies
Roster

Bunky Harmon
Jim Zonino
Jane/John McCormack
Paul Mort
Vanda/Tony Ficalora
Jim Lento

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fundspiel (9/28)
Fruit Sale (12/14 - 12/15)
New Year's Eve Party (12/31)
Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel (1/23 - 1/26)
Headless Horseperson Bonspiel (2/7-2/9)
New York International Bonspiel (2/27-3/2)
New Member Bonspiel (3/8 - 3/9)
Pull the Plug (3/22)

Kelleys, Caspers
Patterson, Doonans,
Chebetars
Bollenbacher, Haffs,
Marks, Noble
Elliotts, Marstons
Keenans, Nolans, Siberts,
Wells
Beaudrias and Committee
Broadhursts, Baggett,
Roys, Warriners
MacIntosh, Alesio,
DeRoos, Havens

Men's Dinners

Hand

LADIES

Officers

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Fran Garred
Jinny Hill
Gerry Whitley
Ruth Warriner
Pat Haff

Committee Chairmen

Bonspiel
Curling
Duck Soup
House

Hospitality

Membership

Prizes
Rules
Three Brooms

USWCA
Weeknight Ladies

Gerry Whitley
Jinny Hill
Claire Noble
Jean MacIntosh,
Doris Garrison
Jeanne Heffner,
Bobbie Patterson
Carol Meszaros,
Ruth Marston
Bette Fletcher
Alice Nolan
Marion Cowles,
Mary Jean Keenan
Jane Wells
Barbara Roy

DIRECTORS

Class of 1986

Harmon
Kelley
Marr
Mitchell

Class of 1987

Doonan
Fletcher
Garred
Keenan

Class of 1988

Alesio
Beaudrias
Patterson
Stewart

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



Number 2

December 6, 1985

FRUIT SALE

This important Ardsley fund raising event is being coordinated by the Doonans, Pattersons and Chebetars. The oranges and grapefruit will be delivered to the Doonan house on December 14th and can be picked up there on the 14th and 15th. An order sheet is prominently posted in the warm room and this year's prices are:

- Oranges \$20
- Grapefruit \$16

If the order sheet has been removed, last minute orders can be placed by calling Ed or Burns.

NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL

The planning for this important event is quickly approaching the implementation stage. Chairman Mike Beaudrias encourages all members, men and ladies alike, to participate in one or more of the activities which together will insure its success. A short list of duties includes:

- coordinating Saturday dinner at the club
- hosting house parties
- preparing and serving lunches
- selling bar tickets
- officiating
- recording scores

Please contact Mike soon to offer your services.

NEW MEMBERS

Membership Co-chairmen Bill and Judy Kelley report that several new and experienced curlers will be joining Ardsley this season.

MEN'S

Alain Chappuis
Stephen Colwell
William Edwards
Brian Gallant
Peter Stewart
William Winkler

LADIES'

Carol Ernst

MIXED

Carol Hooker
Bob and Shirley Cox
Steve Hardy
Pam Hartford

Bill and Judy are to be congratulated for their fine efforts. They encourage us to meet the new members and to extend a hearty Ardsley welcome.

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

Weeknight Ladies' Chairman Barbara Roy reports that Tuesday night curling has been well attended and because of ANALPAC representation two sheets have been utilized. She assures all prospective weeknight curlers that participation not only serves to improve skills but also provides the opportunity to enjoy all aspects of the game as positions are rotated - - including that of skip.

Bonspiel Chairman Gerry Whitley calls the attention of all lady curlers to the several invitation notices posted on the calendar in the changing room. Gerry states that the fun and friendship of bonspieling should be enjoyed by as many Ardsley curlers as can find the time in their busy schedules. She notes particularly:

Plainfield	- December 10/11
Empire State	- January 14 - 16
Broomstones	- January 27 - 30
Nutmeg	- February 11 - 13
Winchester	- March 11 - 13

Plainfield with its hospitality and nearby location should fill up early. Broomstones, Gerry reports is so keen to have Ardsley participation, that we have received no less than three invitations. Nutmeg in Darien has eliminated any uncertainty by reserving a spot for Ardsley, so see Gerry as soon as possible in order that she can respond to the invitations in a timely manner.

STANDINGS THROUGH NOVEMBER 21st

ARD-WICK

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
W1 - MacIntosh	1	3
W2 - Patterson	2	2
W3 - Whitman	1	3
W4 - Mojo/Smith	2	2
W5 - Dudley/Jacobs	4	0
W6 - Duncanson/Bruce	2	2

ICE BREAKER

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Garred	3	1
Hill	3	1
Patterson/Keenan	1	3
Meszaros	1	3

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

Co-chairman Ken and Gerry Whitley report that the season's kick-off, the Mixed Scramble, held the evening of November 9th, was a huge success. Over 80 curlers were divided into rinks which did battle under the umbrella designations of red and blue - appropriately the colors of courage and loyalty. Ardsley and ANALPAC members were teamed together and curled two ends in rotation. The rinks were so well selected that the overall score was tied at evening's end. Dick Wells' rink had the highest score for six ends curled - 8 stones. Two rinks were tied for lowest score; their identities were lost in the fellowship of the evening. The committee wishes to thank the ANALPAC ladies for providing the hors doeuvres, Ann McCray and Katherine Dickinson for coordinating the dinner arrangements and providing the desserts (Ann's pies were delicious), and Alyson and Ralph Bankes for their planning and implementation assistance.

MIXED BONSPIELS

Ken and Gerry encourage participation in the many bonspiels to which Ardsley has received invitations. The sign up sheet is conveniently located on the warm room bulletin board. Sign up now!!

GNCC	- January 3 - 5
Winchester	- January 16 - 19
Indian Hill	- January 30 - February 2
The Country Club	- January 30 - February 2
Rochester	
International	- February 7 - 9
Keyser Memorial	- February 20 - 23
Evergreen	- February 27 - March 2
Broomstones	
International	- March 6 - 9

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

Chairman Burns Patterson reports that the Blanton and Wilds competitions are well advanced. Several last minute adjustments were required in order to integrate the new curlers into the schedule. The Thorndyke and Jug Ogden competitions will commence the weekend of December 28/29 and the Windeler on Tuesday, January 7th. Burns, whose interest in speeding up the game is well known, was interested to hear that a 90 minute 8-ender was observed at the recent Monctonian Bonspiel. He wishes to restate once more his three precepts of good curling:

- be on time
- be ready in the hack
- pay attention to your own game

M E D I C A L U P D A T E

Bob Whitman reports that following the accident, his right leg is still graced by a cast to facilitate the healing of a compound fracture and torn ligaments. He anticipates being back on the ice

the evening of January 22nd. Much appreciated have been the visits and get-well cards received from so many Ardsley and ANALPAC curlers during the past month.

M O N C T O N I A N B O N S P I E L

Walter Baggett has provided the editors with a report of Ardsley's recent foray to the province of New Brunswick to participate in this 80 rink competition. In order to protect Walter's interests in the event he submits the work to the Kenyon Review, We have chosen to provide only a precis.

After a delayed flight to Montreal and a resultant late arrival at Air Canada's Moncton Flight which precipitated the removal of the already-loaded Canadian Mail in order to accommodate them Paul Mort, Ed Godbold, Walt Baggett, Wayne Stewart and John McCormack arrived in that city located on an estuary of the Bay of Fundy. The first draws were selected at a reception hosted by the Beausejour Club which featured a steer roasted on a portable barbeque wagon parked at the front door. The first match at the Beaver Club on Thursday saw Ed Godbold draw his last stone to the four foot to best an Amherst New Brunswick rink skipped by Dick Van Snick. In Ardsley's second match, the Raymond rink from Edmunsen New Brunswick defeated Paul Mort at the Beausejour. The evening's banquet was marked by the courtesy and fellowship which is so much a part of curling. Friday morning's match against a local rink skipped by former Province Brier Champion Art Gillard saw Ardsley under Ed Godbold defeated. The afternoon brought victory as Ed bested a rink from Dartmouth Nova Scotia, thereby propelling our heroes into the quarter finals of the Hub City Oxygen event; all hearts were pounding. Next morning at Beaver, Larry King of the home club eked out a victory by one stone to eliminate Ardsley.

Although denied a trophy, our curlers feel they acquitted themselves well. The Monctonian is one of the last large Maritime bonspiels which has not become a cash prize event and the friendly atmosphere is pervasive. The Canadians emphasized our two nations' shared interests and values. A minor quibble: The motel patronized appeared to have been designed by the same firm which has given us the Minsk Econo-Lodge. Assuming that patrons would have only one set of clothing and that would be worn to bed as well, no closets were provided.

After an evening's socializing, our rink departed Moncton at 7:20 a.m. As the sun rose in the East, John McCormack and Wayne Stewart were overheard commenting on the joys of early rising. Paul Mort vows to lead an Ardsley rink to Moncton again next year.

C L U B N O T E S

- House Chairman Wayne Stewart has not yet posted the signs which will designate the no smoking areas in the ice room. When questioned by the editors regarding the delay, he responded in what we took to be an obscure dialect of Urdu.

- The presence of the ANALPAC curlers has increased the pace of activity at the club. The feeling of vitality which accompanies increased participation has been favorably commented upon.
- Bar Chairman Dick McCray has requested that those members chairing events give him ample notice of dates and times in order that a bartender can be provided and ample supplies put by.
- Reports for inclusion in the next Duck Soup should be to the editors by DECEMBER 30th.

C L U B A S S E T S

Ann McCray is to be congratulated for the floral arrangements and seasonal decorations which add so much to the ambience of the entrance area and warm room. Her creativity and flair and ready willingness to help are greatly appreciated.

S E A S O N ' S P E A C E A N D J O Y

T O T H E

A R D S L E Y A N D A N A L P A C

F A M I L Y

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



Number 3

January 7, 1986

ARDSLEY MIXED BONSPIEL - JANUARY 23rd - 26th

Ann and Charlie Elliott report that planning for this special event is progressing. Fifteen rinks have already been registered leaving only one empty slot. Non-participants may participate in the Friday night house parties and the Saturday Dinner Dance by registering in the warm room or by calling the Elliott's directly. An undertaking of this magnitude requires the efforts of many Ardsley hands. Please contact Ann and Charlie soon to offer assistance.

POST-HOLIDAY NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I sit here munching on the penultimate sandwich from the Christmas turkey, accompanied by my orange-grapefruit salad, I reflect on what a fine curling year 1985 has been and look forward to an even better year in 1986. By the time you read this I hope we have given the New Year an appropriate kick-off and there is no cause for regrets anywhere. (I realize this may be an overly pious hope.)

January brings the inauguration of the real bonspiel season. Whether Mens, Ladies or Mixed, these social and sporting events are great fun for everybody. This is true whether one is participating directly or as an enthusiastic spectator. Much fun can be had going to another club, particularly by those old-fashioned curlers whose sexual preferences are their own spouses. However, our own spiels are also rewarding. Newer curlers should never hesitate about speaking to the more experienced about being included.

One of the great traditional events in Mens Curling is the Douglas, sponsored by St. Andrews and to be held at the Ardsley rink on the weekend of January 9 - 12. Come and watch!!!

Two weeks later comes the Ardsley Mixed. With Ann and Charlie Elliott as Chairpersons, assisted by Ruth and Paul Marston, this is sure to be a great weekend. The house parties and banquet are open to non-participants.

The weekend of February 7 - 9 features our own Headless Horseperson. (Debate continues as to whether or not this should

be called the Headless Horseman - - I'm in the middle with the other wise men.) This is a notable event for fun and games. Since it will be the only game in town that weekend, be sure and sign up early.

On February 27, we begin the New York International which we co-host with New York Caledonian and Mahopac. With approximately half the rinks from prominent clubs in Canada, some of the finest men's curling of the year will take place. Much help will be needed so please volunteer your services.

In March we will feature a New Member Bonspiel and close out the season on March 22 with the annual Pull-the-Plug. If you don't get a piece of the action, it's your own fault!

Much time, money and effort has been spent this year to achieve the best ice we have ever had. We have brought down "Shorty" Jenkins, (Canada's foremost expert); we bought a new electric scraper; and we have given our venerable ice-man, Joe Volpone much instruction which has been enthusiastically accepted. We anticipate that in the near future, we will have installed new heaters which will maintain the rink temperature at optimum levels. With this final step, we hope you will agree that our program has been successful.

In closing, I want to acknowledge once more our sincere thanks to Anita and Ed Doonan for providing the site for this year's successful Fruit Sale. With their organizational skills, ably abetted by Bobbie and Burns Patterson, we made significant strides on our deficit reduction program.

HERNDON FLETCHER

The editors have learned of the death on September 22, 1985 of Langdon Hockmeyer, an Ardsley curler during the 1950's and 1960's. His wife Judith, also a former Ardsley curler is presently residing in North Carolina. Her address is:

Box 328
Cedar Mountain, North Carolina 28718

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOTES

At its December 19th meeting, in addition to discussing financial concerns, the adroit administration of which ensures the continued well-being of the club, the Board made note of several additional matters:

- The eight end concept was extended to the weeknight Windeler event.
- The superb quality of the ice was remarked upon.
- The executive committee was authorized to spend up to \$1500 for repair of the ice room heating units.
- House chairman Wayne Stewart drew the Board's attention to Ed Doonan's unflagging supportive efforts.

- the purchase of a new pebbling can was announced. It had been noted that of late the ice had been more dribbled than pebbled.

DOUGLAS BONSPIEL

This St. Andrews event will begin the evening of January 9th and continue until the finals early in the afternoon of the 12th. It has been learned that Ardsley rinks led by Mike Beaudrias and Walter Baggett will participate. All Ardsley members are encouraged to visit the club during this competition to enjoy the high level of curling and to support Mike and Walt.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Our President reports that over 70 Ardsley and ANALPAC curlers and guests gathered to greet 1986 in traditional fashion. By all reports, this was one of the more enjoyable social evenings of recent years. The curling was at a high level and after the ice chips settled, it was revealed that the Fletchers assisted by Denny and Molly Babcock of Caledonian had captured first prize. Allusions were made to the concept of virtue triumphant. The hard working committee, the Haffs, Marks, Bollenbachers, McCrays and Claire Noble, in addition to forming well-balanced rinks served a delicious ham dinner. Particularly appreciated were the efforts of Sharon Gallagher and Gerry McCarty who arrived early on the morning of the 1st to meticulously clean the warm room. This is the second year that they have performed this task. Ah youth!!!

HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL

This annual event, chaired this year by the Keenan's will be held the weekend of February 7th through 9th. Truly a mixed competition, balanced rinks are drawn from participating men, ladies and mixed curlers from Ardsley and the ANALPAC clubs. It is conceivable that an all male team may find itself facing an all ladies team. Good curling and fellowship are sure to ensue. All curlers are encouraged to utilize the sign up sheets currently posted in the warm room. The editors understand that Bunky Harmon, quite successful in this event in past years, is recruiting several worthies and has vowed "once more into the breach".

SWEEPING

Because of some observed misconceptions regarding the Grand National sweeping rules, one of our members has asked us to quote the following from the Grand National rules:

- Behind the tee line, the skip or acting skip of each team is entitled to sweep any stone but neither of them shall start to sweep an approaching stone until it reaches the tee line.

- The sweeping motion shall be from side to side across the entire running surface in front of the stone and clearly finish to the side of the stone. No sweepings or other debris shall be left in front of a running stone.
- When sweeping with a brush, no part of its handle shall be over the stone.

It is also emphasized that only the skip or acting skip may sweep behind the tee line and that there is no provision in the Grand National rules for a so-called "designated sweeper".

LADIES CURLING

Claire Noble reports that on December 10th, a combined Ardsley/Westchester Wicks rink traveled to Plainfield to participate in that club's two-day Early Bird Bonspiel. Skip Peyton Duncanson led Claire, Doris Garrison and Anne Dudley to the runner-up prize in the second event. The ladies report an enjoyable competition marked by Plainfield's traditional hospitality.

Friday, December 13th, Ardsley hosted the Three Brooms. The Bonspiel, originally scheduled for the prior Friday had been postponed because of inclement weather. The Ardsley rinks were:

Ruth Marston, Skip	Fran Garred, Skip
Carol Mezaros	Gerry Whitley
Sirrka Whitman	Marian Cowles
Katherine Dickinson	Louise Russell

The Nutmeg rinks were led by Jan Leaton and A. Bartlett White and Martha Smith and Shirley Bruce skipped the Wicks. The final standings were:

Westchester Wicks	- 26 points
Nutmeg	- 19-3/4 points
Ardsley	- 12-3/4 points

MIXED CURLING

Gerry and Ken Whitley report that the post-holiday Ice Crystal III competition is in full swing and that 12 rinks are participating. Continuing through February 2nd, this event will be followed by another which will close out the season. Gerry encourages all available mixed curlers to sign up for the play-downs and/or participate in the house parties and dinner dance which will mark the Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel.

Ice Breaker 1985 - Final Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
Hill-McCormack	61-1/4
Ficalora-Kelley	56-1/4
Mort-DeRoos/Dickinson	51-3/4
Marston-Elliott	47-1/4
Beaudrias-Cox	40-1/4

Ice Breaker 1985 - Final Standings (cont'd)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
Patterson-McCray/Hooker	37
Doonan/Garred-Hewitt/Noble	34
Caspers-Marks	32
Warriner-Whitley	30-1/2
Bollenbacher-Harty/Hartford	28
Broadhurst-Haff	26
Wells-Roy	21-1/4
MacIntosh-McCarty/Gallagher	18-1/4
Keenan-Stewart/Winslow	16-3/4

MEN'S CURLING

Chairman Burns Patterson reports that the Thorndyke and Jug Ogden competitions are in full swing. The three Ardsley, two St. Andrews and single Caledonian rinks in each event are scheduled to play a triple round robin which will be completed shortly before the Pull-the-Plug.

The early season Blanton event was taken by the Harmon rink while in a playoff for second place, Paul Marston narrowly bested Walter Baggett. Bunky and Paul now move into Windeler skip roles.

Blanton - Final Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Harmon	6	1
Marston	5	2
Baggett	5	2
Ficalora	4	3
Mitchell	3	4
Bollenbacher	2	5
Warriner	2	5
Shirk	1	6

The Wilds competition saw a tie for 1st place as Ardsley's Warriner/Wells rink and Caledonian's Smith/Slaybaugh both posted an 8 and 3 record. A playoff has been scheduled. Interestingly, three rinks posted records of 7 - 4:

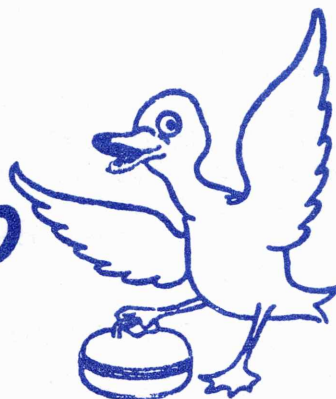
- Chebetar/Harmon
- Godbold/Shirk
- McKay/Nauss

CLUB NOTES

- The recently observed gathering at the warm room bar which at first hearing seemed to be a meeting of the Longshoreman's Union proved to be only Dick McCray outlining the interlocking responsibilities of the Bar Chairman and the Country Club Management for our excellent bartending staff.
- Decals stating smoking restrictions have been posted on the ice room doors. The editors understand that the decals were purchased from the Munchkin Printing Company.

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ARDSLEY MIXED BONSPIEL

The Elliotts and Marstons report that this annual event was a huge success. The special atmosphere of curling fellowship which surrounds this bonspiel is due in no small measure to the efforts of the committee and their many helpers. The house parties, an uncommon feature today, quickly bring visiting rinks into the Ardsley Curling Club family. The Saturday evening banquet in the Clubhouse adds another note of specialness.

The first event, the Childs, was won by a St. Andrews rink skipped by Pete McKiernan which bested Weston led by Bill Cousins. The Second event, the Ardsley, was won by Nutmeg with McIntosh Cover in charge which narrowly bested Bland Button's Caledonian rink. In the third event, Len Warriner of the home club led his rink to a close victory over Ralph Bankes of St. Andrews.

The committee, fully cognizant of their inability to thank all of the many who assisted in this effort have mentioned:

Pat Haff	- Lunches
Bobbie Patterson	- Lunches
Catherine Dickinson	- Breakfasts
Fran Garred	- Breakfasts
MacIntoshs, Hills, Elliotts	- House Parties
McCrays	- Warm room decor & house party surrogate
Ann Elliott	- Floral pieces at banquet
THE PHANTOM RINK	- CURLING

In addition, a grateful thank you to the ladies luncheon committee, the helpers at house parties and the many referees.

CURLING DEMONSTRATION FOR NATIONAL MEDIA

Kay Sugahara reports that in the continuing effort to publicize the sport of Curling, a demonstration will be held at the Rockefeller Center Ice rink on February 24th. Following a breakfast for Sports' writers, sportscasters and television crews, the Willmette Illinois Curling Club's U. S. Men's Champion rink will demonstrate the deliveries, strategies and shot making which brought them to the semi-finals of last year's Silver Broom in Glasgow, Scotland. A two end game will be played, media personalities are expected to attend and Kay, as usual, will be his sophisticated self. All Ardsley and ANALPAC curlers are encouraged to view the demonstration on the 24th from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Those unable to attend may view the evening sports news for coverage.

NEW MEMBER BONSPIEL

Pippa Broadhurst reports that this event will be comprised of two draws, March 8th at 5:30 p.m. and March 9th at 3:30 p.m. Eligibility is limited to curlers with less than five years experience and this restriction will surely lead to interesting rink make-ups. Please call Pippa or Geoff if you have not been contacted as yet.

HEADLESS HORSEMAN BONSPIEL

There will be a full report on this event in the next issue of Duck Soup.

PULL THE PLUG PARTY

Dan Alesio reports that the planning for this bittersweet event is already underway. He requests that we each reserve the evening of March 22nd for the traditional final event of the curling season. The committee promises fun, games, fine food, libations and determined curling. Once again, let us gather on the evening of the 22nd and bid fond adieus to the friends we will not meet again until the 23rd or 24th.

CLUB PINS, ETC.

Paul Mort reports that a plentiful supply is now available for sale at the warm room bar of:

- Men's Pins - \$4.00
- Sweater Patches - \$7.00
- Blazer Emblems - \$12.00

The ladies' pins which were not in short supply are also available.

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

The Ard-Wick competition, curled on Wednesdays, with teams made up of two Ardsley and two Westchester Wicks ran for eight weeks, concluding on January 8th.

The winners were co-skipped by Anne Dudley and Marie Jacobs, with Vanda Ficalora, Nadja McKay and Louise Russell assisting. The standings:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
W-5 Dudley/Jacobs	7	1
W-4 Mojo/Smith	5	3
W-1 MacIntosh	4	4
W-3 Whitman	3	5
W-6 Duncanson/Bruce	3	5
W-2 Patterson/Button	2	6

The Ice Breaker, curled on Thursday mornings, ended in a tie with the team of Garred, Heffner, Garrison, Haff scheduled to play off the Hill, Cowles, Russell and Ray team. The standings:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
T-1 Garred	5	3
T-2 Hill	5	3
T-3 Meszaros	3	5
T-4 Patterson/Keenan	3	5

On January 15th and 16th, with eight Ardsley Ladies away in Utica participating in the Empire State Bonspiel, the remaining members curled one game on Wednesday and one on Thursday, rotating positions every second end.

The Wells-Wicks competition commenced on January 22nd and 23rd for three weeks and will be followed by another Ard-Wick competition to finish out the season.

EMPIRE STATE BONSPIEL

January 14th, 15th, and 16th found two rinks of Ardsley ladies in Utica taking part in the annual Bonspiel. This 16 team event was sponsored by Utica, Schnectady, the Westchester Wicks and Ardsley. The Ardsley I team was skipped by Jinny Hill with Carol Meszaros as Vice-skip, Gerry Whitley in the number two slot and Jean MacIntosh as lead. Ardsley II was skipped by Fran Garred. Her team members were Jeanne Heffner, vice; Claire Noble, number two; and Pat Haff, lead. Neither team came home with honors but had a good time and disported themselves well despite the frigid weather. Next year Ardsley will be host club for this bonspiel.

PLAINFIELD FRIENDLY

On March 17th, the Ardsley ladies will travel to Plainfield to participate in this event. Skip Jean MacIntosh requests that anyone wishing to join her please call as soon as possible so plans can be finalized.

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

Gerry Whitley reports that the post-holiday Ice Crystal III competition has been completed and that the season ending - we assume Ice Crystal IV - will begin on Friday the 14th.

Final Standings - Ice Crystal III;

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
Warriner/McCarty-Gallagher	34-3/4
Beaudrias/Elliott	33-3/4
Fletcher/Ray	27-3/4
Marks/Hewitt-Garred	27
McCormack/Kelley	27
Bollenbacher/Cox	25
MacIntosh/Caspers	24-1/4
Keenan/Haff	22-3/4
Broadhurst/McLaughlin	19-1/2
Hill/McCray-Hooker	17
Whitley/Noble-Winslow	12-1/2
Ficalora/DeRoos-Dickinson	8

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

Walter Baggett has forwarded to the editors a summary of recent event standings. Although recorded on stationery affirming his Certified Public Accountant status, the Jug Ogden standings seem to be incomplete. This points up the need to promptly report game results on event matrices which are posted on the bulletin board. Skips are requested to cooperate.

WINDLER

<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Chebetar	5	0
Harmon	5	0
Beaudrias	3	2
Whitman	3	2
Godbold	2	3
Patterson	2	3
Marr	0	5
Marston	0	5

THORNDIKE

Chebetar-Shirk	6	2
Beaudrias-Marr	5	3
Patterson-Stone	4	4
McKiernan-McKay	4	4
Button/Jasmine	3	4
Stewart/Nauss	1	6

DYKES MEMORIAL BONSPIEL

This GNCC event for curlers with five years or less experience was hosted by the Albany Club during the weekend of February 6th to 9th. Ardsley was represented by Dick McCray at lead, Doug Bauman second, Wayne Stewart, vice and John McCormack, skip. The first draw, Friday at 8 a.m. against Plainfield skipped by Ray Lawreck resulted in a rather solid loss. The remainder of the day was spent in the Ramada Inn pool and sauna where the discussion centered on strategies and the desirability of the Second event. Saturday morning's 8 a.m. draw against John Martin's Utica rink resulted in a closer game but a loss ensued. The after-game conversation centered on strategies and the desirability of the Third event. The next draw at 12:30 matched Ardsley with Schenectady I skipped by Gerry Griffin. A hard fought battle brought victory as Schenectady's last stone came up six inches short. The third draw of the day, at 8:30 p.m. was against Norfolk skipped by Dan Wuori. In the fourth end, while trailing 7-1, John McCormack's last rock took out two of Norfolk's stones to tie six. After several seconds of absolute silence, Dick McCray was seen to leap three feet off the ice. Ardsley

maintained the lead and won the match to qualify for Sunday's Third event final against Schenectady II skipped by John DuGuid. The final match, tied after the 9th end was won by Schenectady which managed to bring a stone in the eight foot which could not be reached. Wayne Stewart has vowed to lead Ardsley to next year's competition. Doug and Dick also have several years of eligibility remaining.

The Bonspiel was marked by St. Andrews reaching the semi-finals of the first event where Gert Messing's rink was narrowly bested by Brae Burn and by the presentation of a plaque to Don McKay in recognition of his contributions to curling.

Deadline for next Duck Soup - - - March 5th.