

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



Number 1

October 11, 1986

1986-87 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sat.	Sept. 27	Fundspiel
Sat.	Oct. 18	Clean-Up Day - 10 AM
Fri.	Oct. 24	Ladies Curling Luncheon
Sat.	Oct. 25	Open House
Sun.	Oct. 26	St. Andrew's Open House
Fri.	Oct. 31	Men's Opening Dinner
Sat. & Sun.	Nov. 1 & 2	Curl Canada School
Sat. & Sun.	Nov. 22 & 23	Hastings Brick Bonspiel
Sat. & Sun.	Dec. 13 & 14	Fruit Sale
Sun.	Dec. 14	St. Andrew's Christmas Party
Wed.	Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party
Fri., Sat. & Sun.	Jan. 9, 10 & 11	Douglas Bonspiel
Tues., Wed. & Thur.	Jan. 14-16	Empire State Bonspiel
Fri., Sat. & Sun.	Jan. 23-25	St. Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel
Wed.	Jan. 28	Scottish Men's Visit
Fri., Sat. & Sun.	Feb. 6-8	Headless Horseman Bonspiel
Mon.	Feb. 16	Washington's Birthday Competition
Fri., Sat. & Sun.	Feb. 27-Mar. 1	New York International Bonspiel
Sat.	Mar. 21	Pull-the-Plug Party
Fri.	Apr. 3	Men's Closing Dinner

COMMENCEMENT OF SCHEDULED CURLING

Mon.	Oct. 27	Lady Night Curlers
Tues.	Oct. 28	Ardsley Men (1 sheet) and N.Y. Caledonian (2 sheets)
Wed.	Oct. 29	Lady Day Curlers
Thur.	Oct. 30	St. Andrew's Men
Fri.	Oct. 31	Senior Men
Fri.	Nov. 7	Mixed Curlers

Clean-Up Day - Oct. 18

Mark your calendar for next Saturday to help House Chairman Wayne Stewart clean up and put our curling rink back in shape for the new season. Wayne has a fairly heavy list of things that need to be done this year. Just a couple of hours of your time would be appreciated.

You will be pleased to find that the entire ice room has been repainted - the walls from roof to floor, the baseboards, even the Ardsley sign on the far wall. This was done almost single-handedly by President Burns Patterson and his sons, Dave and Mike. It took them a couple of days.

Open House - Oct. 25

Co-Chairpersons Janet and Dan Alesio have scheduled the Open House from one to five on Saturday afternoon. If you have any prospective members, now is your chance to close the deal. Bring them up to the Club to give them a chance to see us and our facilities, and to try the ice.

Even if you don't have a prospect, come up, have a few pops and welcome the candidates that show up. A deserted warmroom is not very appealing. We want to have some action on the ice, so if you would like to curl, call your curling chairperson(s), and he/she/they will get you into a match (Mens: Bunkie Harmon; Ladies: Jinny Hill; Mixed: Fletch and Bette Fletcher).

Ladies Curling Luncheon - Oct. 24

The Luncheon will be at The Ardsley Country Club at noon on Friday.

Men's Opening Dinner - Oct. 31

Chairman Walter Steinemann is making the necessary arrangements for this Dinner. It will be held at The Ardsley Country Club at seven on Friday (Halloween).

Lest there be any misunderstanding, we want to be clear that St. Andrew's, N.Y. Caledonian and Mahopac members are invited - so are male curlers who curl only in the Mixed.

To make reservations we suggest that you call Walter (914-591-7387) or the Country Club (914-591-8150). We should appreciate your calling at least a couple of days in advance.

Curl Canada School - Nov. 1 & 2

We are very fortunate to have Alice Bell of Curl Canada take the time to come down from Windsor, Ontario to run our program this year. Alice is an excellent curler and one of the finest instructors in the Curl Canada organization. The Curl Canada group makes a special effort to send us their most experienced people.

Alice extends a particular invitation to our distaff curlers to try the Curl Canada method. Everyone can benefit from the principles regardless of age or ability.

Times:	Level I	Saturday	9AM - Noon
		Sunday	1PM - 4PM
	Level II	Saturday	1PM - 4PM (strategy session as
		Sunday	9AM - Noon time allows)

The cost of the school is shared by the experienced curlers and usually runs \$15 to \$20. We do not charge new curlers in an effort to encourage them to get off to a good start.

We cannot recommend too strongly that you urge any new curlers you have to attend, at least the session on Saturday morning. We have several examples in our Club of people who had never seen a stone, and were comfortable and confident on the ice in a matter of hours. If your curler cannot attend, speak to Mike or Bettie Beaudrias, and they will arrange a special session.

To sign up call Mike or Bettie (914-631-2569). They will assign you to a Level based on various arbitrary and capricious criteria.

Equipment

As part of the Curling School sessions, Mike Beaudrias will be putting together an order for shoes, gloves, sliders, brushes, etc. A combined order gets us a discount at Steve's Curling Supplies. Mike has catalogs and general advice.

Country Club House Privileges

We wish to remind you that members of the local curling clubs have house privileges at The Ardsley Country Club during the curling season. Specifically, this means the use of the dining rooms, lounges, grill rooms and bars, as well as the locker rooms and bath facilities. While the Country Club has not yet made the decision, it appears that the Club may close down for only one month or so this winter. When it is open, it will be serving lunch and dinner in the grill and dining rooms on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. When it is closed, it will nevertheless be serving lunch in the grill and dining rooms on Saturdays. We will let you know what the Club's decision is in our next issue of Duck Soup.

Fundspiel '86 - Sept. 27

We are indebted to Jerry McCarty and Sharon Gallagher for running a successful Fundspiel, and to George and Julie Shirk for graciously providing their home for the party.

One hundred and twenty-four people came to the party, which may set a record. We also raised a substantial sum for the Club treasury. While the weather did not favor us with a clear, balmy evening, at least it did not rain, and we were able to expand the party out onto the terrace where Jerry provided us with good music.

We thank Sharon Gallagher, who prepared almost all of the food by herself, Fran Garred, who once again masterminded the auction, Julie Shirk for doing the decorations and a host of other things, the Keenans for running the bar, Anita Doonan for taking charge of the reception desk and the Kelleys, who cheerfully spearheaded the restoration and cleanup detail. Our thanks also go to those who contributed items for the auction and to those who brought hors d'oeuvres and dessert.

Iceless Bonspiel - Sept. 12-14

This year the Iceless was held at the Basin Harbor Club in Vergennes, Vt. Ardsley was represented by the Baggetts, Fletchers and Harmons; St. Andrew's by the McKays and Art Mojo; and New York Caledonian by the Slaybaughs.

The summer meeting of the Grand National Curling Club of America was presided over by our new president, Wes Millington of Schenectady. Much of the discussion centered around the Scots' Tour next January (they will be at Ardsley on January 28) and the U.S. Mens National Championship scheduled for Lake Placid from March 1 to 7, 1987. You will be hearing more about these two events.

In the golf tournament on Saturday, Bunkie and Fletch attempted to bring the Ardsley Bowl back home, but were beaten by Bud Chanderler of Brae Burn and Bill Cushing of The Country Club.

Those who have never been to an Iceless are missing a good thing. It will be held next year at the Equinox Hotel in Manchester, Vt.

MEN'S CURLING

N.Y. Caledonian Curlers

Note that you will be curling on Tuesday nights this season.

Ardsley Curlers

The results of the poll indicate that you will again be curling only 8 ends on week nights.

Leads

We would remind Leads of teams that win matches that it is their responsibility to record the results in the Men's Scorebook. This is important. Leads who fail to fulfill this responsibility may be surprised to be reading about themselves in the next issue of Duck Soup.

Skips

We would also remind week night Skips that the losing Skip who is last off the ice has the responsibility of filling in any holes in the hacks.

Bonspiels

Don't forget the Ross Tarlton on Nov. 6-9, Schenectady on Nov. 13-16 and Norfolk on Dec. 4-7.

New York International Bonspiel - Feb. 28 - Mar. 2

Ardsley Wins First Event

Our 11th New York International Bonspiel, co-hosted with the New York Caledonian and Mahopac Curling Clubs, was played among 4 Canadian and 18 American teams. The Canadian rinks were Alexandria, Lambton, Ottawa Granite and Scarboro. Unfortunately, our bonspiel conflicted with the Briar being played in Toronto. Hopefully, we will see a larger Canadian turnout this season.

After 10 years, Ardsley finally won its own bonspiel. Burns Patterson's Ardsley III rink (Adam Chebetar, George Shirk and Steve Colwell) decimated Kyrle Farmer's Ottawa Granite team in the semi-finals and then closed out Alex MacKenzie's Lambton rink in 8 ends. Alex is a former Ardsley member.

The winners and runners-up were:

The Big Apple Trophy:	Ardsley III - Patterson Lambton - MacKenzie
New York Caledonian Medal:	Plainfield - Bartsch Ardsley I - Beaudrias
Ardsley Medal:	Scarboro - Symons Nutmeg II - Duvall
Mahopac Medal:	New York Caledonian I - S. Smith Westchester I - Whitman
Eddison Medal:	Canadian Club of New York - Henke Nutmeg I - Cooper
St. Andrew's Medal:	Ardsley II - Marr St. Andrew's II - Bankes

The planning and running of a New York International Bonspiel is a major endeavor. Work begins the preceding summer, and the successful completion requires the cooperative effort of numerous members of the 3 host clubs.

We are indebted to Mike Beaudrias for serving as this year's General Chairman, and to his wife, Bettie, for her tireless work throughout the entire bonspiel. The key chairmen were: Invitations - Jack Streckfuss; Treasurer - Carl Phares; Draw - Steve Smith; Trophies - Paul Mort; Referees - Ed Sibert; Breakfasts - Wayne Stewart; Lunches - Jack & Jane McCormack and Carol Ernst; and House Party Hosts - Mike & Bettie Beaudrias, Charlie & Marge Marks and Denny & Molly Babcock. We cannot possibly mention everyone who served on the various committees or helped in one way or another, but we are most grateful to you and thank you for your support.

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Last Season's Final Standings

Jug Ogden

S2	Pickard, Dunn	12 - 3
C1	Stead, Babcock	10 - 5
A1	McCormack, Fletcher	8 - 7
A3	Steinemann, Havens	8 - 7
A2	Potter, May	4 - 11
S1	Mojo, Bankes	4 - 11

Congratulations to Skip Joe Pickard and his rink: Dunn, Knoll, Berston, Connell, I. Bruce and Zajkowski. Having done the best of the Ardsley Skips, John McCormack is promoted to Blanton skiphood this season.

Thorndike

A2	Beaudrias & Marr	11 - 4
A1	Patterson & Stone	10 - 5
A3	Chebetar & Shirk	7 - 7
S1	McKernan & McKay	6 - 7
S2	Stewart & Nauss	3 - 9
C1	Button & Jasmine	3 - 10

Congratulations to Co-Skips Mike Beaudrias and Dave Marr and their rink: Harmon, Ficalora, Gallant, Marks, Lento and Mitchell.

Windeler

W5	Beaudrias	9 - 3
W7	Harmon	8 - 4
W1	Patterson	7 - 5
W3	Chebetar	7 - 5
W2	Marr	6 - 6
W4	Godbold	5 - 7*
W6	Whitman	5 - 7*
W8	Marston	1 - 11

* Godbold beat Whitman in a play-off for sixth position. We don't know if Patterson and Chebetar played off for the number three spot.

Congratulations go to Gold Medalist Skip Mike Beaudrias and his team: Bollenbacher, Keenan, Dickinson, P. Stewart, Brice and Edwards; and to Silver Medalist Skip Bunkie Harmon and his rink: Shirk, Marks, Doonan, McCarty and May. Congratulations are also due Skip Paul Marston for capturing the Furlined.

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Reports for inclusion in the next issue of Duck Soup should be in the Editor's hands by December 2.

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Dick Wells

We report with sorrow the passing of Dick Wells on October 13. Dick joined the Club in the Fall of 1944 and in a relatively short time became its best curler - a position he held for many years. Although he was fiercely competitive, he never allowed himself to lose his good manners, his good sportsmanship or his fairmindedness. Because of the many competitions he participated in over the years and the organizational jobs he took on, he was well-known and highly regarded throughout the curling community.

Dick was dedicated to our Club. He was the principal promoter of building our own curling rink. He served in every official capacity of the Club. And after that, he was always there when we needed him, whether to solve a difficult problem, make an important decision or fill a vacant post. It was to him that we turned when we needed to know a rule of the game or advice on strategy.

Simply stated, Dick was a very capable person, a good curler, a good friend and a gentleman.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jane and their children, Carolyn and Henry.

Burns Patterson has sent us his feeling about Dick. We would like to share them with you:

Dick Wells dominated every curling event he was in, particularly at Ardsley. Dick's determination went way beyond curling, but it was a pleasure to watch it on the ice. Dick could be ahead by 10 stones or behind by 10, and you would think the score was tied.

Dick taught many of us how to curl. But he taught us much more than that. He taught us fear. Fear of making a mistake if you curled with him. He would never criticize, of course, but you just didn't want to make a mistake on his team. If you curled against Dick, you were afraid because he never, never, ever let up. Most of us, when we get way ahead or way behind, get sort of philosophical. Not Dick.

Dick taught us about fighting, on and off the ice. He fought a ferocious battle against a dreaded enemy. I'll bet he's still fighting.

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to our new members. They are:

Mary & John Barclay	Family
Tadao Fukuda	Ladies
Kandy & Les Gatechair	Mixed
Pat Gilmartin	Mens
Cindy & Larry Green	Mixed
Tricia & Jeff Hughes	Mixed
Heather & Brian Kenny	Mixed
Mary & Steve Kitses	Associate
Dean Russell	Mixed
Nancy & Brad Sabel	Mixed

We also welcome Bob Citarell back to active membership. He has been a 3 year sabbatical.

Fruit Sale - Dec. 13 & 14

Don't forget to pick up your oranges and grapefruit on Saturday or Sunday, December 13 & 14 at the Doonan's. If you forgot to order or need more, call Judy or Bill Kelley (693-1089). They may have some extra. Judy will need help, so you might plan on hanging around for an hour or so when you pick up your fruit.

Christmas Party - Dec. 14

We are sure you are aware of the St. Andrew's Curling Christmas Party at the St. Andrew's Main Clubhouse on Sunday, December 14 - Cocktails at 5:30; Dinner at 7:00. Don't forget to bring a fun present. Elaine & Gerry Scherocman will host the party.

New Year's Eve Party - Dec. 31

We haven't heard from Chairpersons Ann & Dick McCray, but we are sure that by the time you read this they will have posted in the warm room a sign-up sheet with particulars.

Douglas Bonspiel - Jan. 8-11

The Fifty-Second Annual Douglas-Griffith-Williamson Bonspiel is being held on the weekend of January 8-11. There will be a Reception in the warm room beginning at 7:30 on Thursday evening. The Thursday draws are at 3:30, 6:00 and 8:30. Art Mojo is again in charge.

Scots Men's Tour Team Visit - Jan. 27 & 28

Every 5 years, alternately, a Scots Tour Team of 20 men visit the United States and a U.S. Tour Team visits Scotland to compete for the Herries Maxwell Trophy. This competition began in Scotland in 1952, and the first 6 exchange visits were all won by the Scots. It was not until our visit in 1982 that a U.S. team won and brought the trophy home. And guess who was on that team - none other than our Ernie Slaybaugh.

The Scots return to the United States on January 11. They start in St. Paul, MN and work their way east. Ardsley, St. Andrew's

and N.Y. Caledonian will host them on January 27 & 28. They arrive at 9:30 Tuesday morning from Nutmeg and leave at noon on Wednesday for Boston, where they will visit Winchester, Broomstones and The Country Club before going home. They will be staying at our homes on Tuesday night.

There will be 3 matches on Tuesday morning and on Wednesday morning, and a banquet in New York City (probably in Chinatown) on Tuesday evening. Men interested in competing against the Scots should sign up on the bulletin board in the warm room (located on the Grand National Men's Bonspiels Sign-Up Sheet - showing a cut-off date of December 19). The cost will be approximately \$75 per person, banquet included. If the event is over-subscribed, participants will be drawn by lot. Volunteers are needed to escort the Scots around New York City on Tuesday and to chauffeur them to La Guardia at noon on Wednesday.

1987 U.S. Men's Curling Championship - Mar. 1-7

We are fortunate in having the U.S. Men's Championship in the East this season. It is being held in Lake Placid during the week March 1-7.

Our Associate Member, Ed Brandt, who founded the Lake Placid Curling Club in 1981, is heading up the considerable effort involved in organizing this event. Our former member, Jim Christie, is also deeply involved in the work associated with such an undertaking. Ed's appeal for support from us as a member club of the Grand National is two-fold: 1. participation in the form of spectatorship during the games and 2. financial. The latter is already off to a good start with the sale of special event pins. It will be continued with the sale of U.S. Curling Association pins, which Bunkie Harmon will start right after the first of the year. You are urged to help by upgrading your pin purchase this season.

Reservations in Lake Placid are already becoming tight as the New York State Winter Games are being held there at the same time. Bunkie Harmon has brochures on what is available if you can attend during all or part of the week.

Bob Sponaugle

We regret that we must report the death of another outstanding curler. Bob Sponaugle died in Hershey on November 19,

As you probably know, Bob was President of the United States Curling Association at the time of his death, having taken office last April. Prior to becoming President, Bob had served as a Vice President and Director of the U.S.C.A. He had also been Treasurer of the Grand National for a number of years.

Bob was to Hershey what Dick Wells was to Ardsley: its leader and best curler for many years. Bob was an all-around athlete as well. He had been an outstanding quarterback at Pennsylvania University and winner several times of the Ardsley Bowl (Iceless Bonspiel). He also went to Scotland in 1982 with Ernie Slaybaugh on the winning U.S. Tour Team.

We extend our sympathy to Bob's wife, Beverly, and his children, Karen and Kirk.

Recruiting Brochure

The United States Curling Association has prepared an excellent brochure for people who may be interested in curling. The brochure describes the game in a colorful and easy to read fashion. It even contains a picture of Don McKay.

In the back, we have inserted some information about our Club: a brief history, a schedule of events, a dues schedule and a membership application. Due to the cost, a limited supply will be available to any of our curlers who has a prospective member.

The best way to increase our membership is through friends of our members. Please use this brochure to help get your friends interested in curling at Ardsley.

Meals at The Country Club

The Ardsley Country Club will close down for the months of January and February. During those months, it will nevertheless be open for lunch on Saturdays. During December and March, it will be serving lunch and dinner on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Membership Rosters

Copies of this season's Ardsley Membership Roster have been available in the warm room for a couple of weeks. A roster of active members of St. Andrew's, N.Y. Caledonian and Westchester Wicks is at the printer and will be available in a week. These rosters are intended for all who curl at Ardsley. We will print more if necessary.

Clean-Up Day - Oct. 18

House Chairman, Wayne Stewart, wishes to thank the 22 Ardsley male curlers who turned up and worked on Clean-Up Day. Aside from the normal chores, they painted the entry room, the steps and guide posts, spliced the rope and cleaned out several years of undergrowth from around the building and the so important condenser fan for the chiller. He especially thanks Bob Hill, John deRoos and Jeff Broadhurst, who returned after attending the memorial service for Dick Wells to finish their appointed tasks.

Despite having 22 workers, we were still short of the number needed to do all the jobs that should be done. Wayne would appreciate hearing from any curlers who were unable to attend Clean-Up Day but are willing to offer a few hours of their time.

Gerry Whitley, Doris Garrison and Bobbie Patterson showed up on October 22 for a Ladies Clean-Up Day. They cleaned the refrigerator and stove, and checked out our inventory of supplies, but were frustrated in their endeavors upstairs by the untimely arrival of the floor waxer.

Thanksgiving Decorations

We have all observed the Thanksgiving decorations at the Rink: the pumpkins and corn stalks at the entrance, and the planted turkeys and ceramic pumpkins in the warm room. We want Ann McCray to know that we think she made our clubhouse most attractive for the holiday and that we appreciate what she did.

Complaints

We are distressed to observe the mess that curlers are making in the Curling Rink on weekends.

We see coats draped all over the chairs. Aside from making a mess of the warm room, this is an inconvenience to spectators. We ask that you use the dressing room downstairs to hang up your coats and to deposit any other clothing you do not wish to wear while in the building.

If you take drinks out on the ice, we would appreciate your returning the empties to the warm room. In this connection, non-breakable glasses, which the bartender has, should be used on the ice.

We would also appreciate your returning your brooms to the racks. We pay our icemen to maintain our ice, not to pick up after us.

Men's Curling

Hastings-Brick Bonspiel - Nov. 22 & 23

Four Ardsley, three St. Andrew's and one N.Y. Caledonian teams competed in this 2 day mini-bonspiel. In the finals of the Hastings, Mike Beaudrias' Ardsley team decimated Bland Button's N.Y. Caledonian team 10 to 1 in eight ends. Mike was supported by John McCormack, Wayne Stewart and Ed Hand; Bland by Steve Smith, and Jim & Charlie Gutekunst.

In the finals of the Brick, Bob Whitman's Ardsley team overwhelmed Carl Forcheskie's St. Andrew's team 12 to 6 in nine ends. Bob was supported by Bob Citarell, Bill Havens and Ken Whitley; Carl by Arnie Eshoo, Fran Hanlon and Bill Simpson.

We hope to expand this bonspiel in future years to 3 days and increase the number of teams.

Seniors - Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Bob Whitman reports that with active participation by senior curlers from St. Andrew's and N.Y. Caledonian, informal 8 end matches have been expanded to 2 sheets of ice.

Bob invites other curlers to join them, whenever they can, as a tune-up for the regular weekend competitions.

Correction

We goofed in the last Issue. Seconds, not Leads, of winning teams have the responsibility of recording the results in the score-book.

Wilds - Thru Nov. 30

AW-5	Harmon-Whitman	4	1	SW-2	Nauss-Stewart	3	3
SW-1	McKernan-McKay	3	1*	AW-3	Patterson-Godbold	2	3
AW-2	Stone-Marston	3	1*	CW-2	Slaybaugh-Smith	2	4
AW-6	Gallant-Sugahara	4	2	AW-4	Marr-Sibert	1	4
AW-1	Beaudrias-Ficalora	3	3	CW-1	Button-Cooper	1	5

*SW-1 vs AW-2 at 12:15 on Dec. 20

Appletree-Colgan - Thru Nov. 30

SA-1	Mojo-Bankes	4	1	SA-2	McKay-Eschoo	2	2
AA-1	McCray-McCarty	2	2	CA-1	Babcock-Cea	1	4

Blanton - Thru Dec. 3

B-5	Gallant	5	1	B-3	Baggett	3	3
B-2	Marston	4	2	B-8	McCormack	3	3
B-6	Broadhurst	4	2	B-4	Ficalora	1	5
B-1	Whitman	3	3	B-7	MacIntosh	1	5

The Windeler begins on December 16, and the Jug Ogden and Thorndike on December 20. If you are resuming or discontinuing curling in the second half of the season, please advise Bunkie Harmon by December 10.

Mixed Curling

The kick-off for the 1986-1987 season occurred on November 7. (Some of you may have noticed a certain resemblance to gridiron terminology in this year's program.)

The Cowboys, captained by Pete McKernan with the aid and comfort of our own Barrie Patterson McKernan, jumped off to an early lead putting St. Andrew's in front. For Ardsley, the Broncos, captained by the notorious Ice Fox, were close behind; Bob was ably assisted by his long-suffering blocking back, Sirkka. Alas, the results of the 3rd week showed some lamentable separation between the leaders. However, it would be premature to say that the Broncos have as yet booted it. Our computer standings are showing some indigestion from the voluminous input, but the most recent standings are shown below.

It is possible that some dark horse will break out of the scrimmage before the final whistle is blown on the Ice Crystal.

We call your attention to the upcoming Super Bowl which will occur on New Year's Eve. While this momentous event will not affect the final point standings, astute fans are locating their seats now in the hope of frustrating potential scalpers.

A reminder of our forthcoming social functions:

Christmas Party	December 14
New Year's Eve Party	December 31
St. Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel	January 22-25
Headless Horseman Bonspiel	February 6-8
Pull-the-Plug Party	March 21

The second half of the regular season will consist of 7 sessions between January 2 and March 14. Surprisingly enough, the Spring Fling will have a baseball motif. It will differ somewhat from the first half in that the first portion will focus on inter-club matches and the second on determining the Mixed Championships of each club. More details later.

Most important of all this year is the addition of no less than 8 handsome and athletic couples to the Mixed program. We want to insure that they receive the warmest of welcomes from all of our old stalwarts and that they will soon become ardent participants in the great sport. We salute: Mary and John Barclay, Barbara and John deRoos, Kandy and Les Gatechair, Cindy and Larry Green, Tricia and Jeff Hughes, Heather and Brian Kenny, Louise and Dean Russell, and Nancy and Brad Sabel. In addition, we greet Millicent Paisley, Doug Bauman and Bill Winkler, who have been curling in other classes of membership.

Ice Crystal - After 3 weeks

<u>Ardsley</u>		<u>St. Andrew's</u>	
<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
Broncos	63.00	Cowboys	86.25
Jets	52.25	Giants	80.25
Dolphins	52.25	Vikings	55.00
Patriots	48.00	Redskins	53.25
Seahawks	42.00	Bears	50.25
Raiders	37.75	Rams	38.75
Bengals	37.75	Falcons	28.75

Ladies Curling

The first session of the Three Brooms will take place on Ardsley ice on Friday, December 12. Sirkka Whitman is our chairman for this annual event. In February and March the ladies of the Nutmeg Club and Westchester Wicks will take their turns hosting this tripartite competition.

Christmas luncheons, catered this year, will take place in the warm room after curling on December 17 and 18. Ladies, put this on your calendars and plan to join in the festivities.

Looking to the future, in January the Ardsley ladies will host the Empire State Bonspiel for the first time. Fran Garred is chairman. You will be hearing more about this, but be ready to help.

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May your Christmas be Merry, your New
Year Happy and your Curling Improve

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Number 3

January 17, 1987

Douglas Bonspiel - Jan. 8-11

The Fifty-Second Annual Douglas-Griffith-Williamson Bonspiel kicked off on Thursday afternoon with a 3:30 draw. The 24 participating teams competed continuously throughout the weekend, pausing only for sleep and a banquet on Friday evening at St. Andrew's. A buffet was provided during the curling on Saturday evening in the warm room.

The Semi-Finals of the Douglas Medal saw Steve Smith's N.Y. Caledonian #3 team (Jim, Charlie & Paul Gutekunst) pitted against Ed Morley's Nutmeg #1 team. We could hardly concentrate on another match because of the excitement and racket going on in the gallery, primarily by the Gutekunst wives. Steve went into the last end with the hammer, but down 2 points. He then proceeded to cinch the match with a 4 ender.

After this nerve-racking experience, Steve and the Gutekunst gang faced Burns Patterson's formidable Ardsley #4 team (Mike Beaudrias, Bob Citarell & Ed Godbold). This match was touch-and-go until the very end. Steve started the final end with 1 point and last rock. His final shot take-out closed out the match. Congratulations gang!

In the Griffith Medal Finals, Fred Gauckstern's Nashua team and Eric Jorgenson's Potomac team locked horns. This was another tight match, with Potomac prevailing.

In the Williamson Medal Finals, we found another N.Y. Caledonian team: Bland Button's N.Y. Caledonian #1 team (Steve Weppner, George Austin & Ken Knoll, substituting for an impaired Denny Babcock). They were opposed by Pete Mitchell's Garden State team (Bruce Shultes, Don Baird & George Shirk III). Garden State got an early lead and then played a merciless take-out game from which Bland could not recover.

Thanks for running another successful Douglas Bonspiel go to Art Mojo, with the beyond-the-call-of-duty support of his loyal wife, Diane. Good show Louie.

Empire State Bonspiel - Jan. 12-15

The Bonspiel was launched with a cocktail party at Anita Doonan's on Monday evening. The first draw was on Tuesday morning.

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St. Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel - Jan. 23-25

We are sure everyone is aware of our Mixed Bonspiel next weekend. It is being run by the Marstons, McCormacks and Bruces.

We would remind the Seniors and Men curlers that the Bonspiel will pre-empt their curling that weekend. The Mixed will have an informal session beginning at 5:00 on Sunday afternoon.

Scots Men's Tour Team Visit - Jan. 27 & 28

Plainfield/Garden State is joining Ardsley, St. Andrew's and N.Y. Caledonian in hosting the Scots. We will field 6 teams: Ardsley 2, St. Andrew's 1½, N.Y. Caledonian 1½ and Plainfield/Garden State 1.

The Ardsley teams will be composed of:
Whitman, Sibert, Fletcher & Barclay, and
Sugahara, Ficalora, Hill & McCray

The location of the banquet on Tuesday evening has been changed to Mamma Leone's on 48th Street, and the menu to filet mignon. Those interested in attending the banquet should call Bunkie Harmon or Ernie Slaybaugh. The cost, including drinks, is \$45.

The winner of the Herries Maxwell Trophy is determined by the total stones scored by the teams of each country during the 2½ week tour.

Headless Horseman Bonspiel - Feb. 6-8

All Men, Mixed and Lady curlers from our 4 curling clubs are invited to participate in this 3 event bonspiel. Three games are guaranteed.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the warm room for your use. Curlers may sign up individually or as couples and will then be assigned to teams by the Committee. The first 64 people signing up will be assigned to rinks - others will be used as substitutes.

All matches will be 8 ends. The first draw will be on Friday evening at 7:00, to be followed by a second draw at 9:00.

On Saturday morning, matches will start at 8:30 or 9:00 and run throughout the day, with the final draw at 8:00 p.m. The Finals will be played on Sunday afternoon at 1:30. Medals and prizes will be awarded as in past years.

A buffet dinner will be served in the warm room on Saturday evening to which all members are invited, even if they are not able to play in the Bonspiel.

Bob and Jinny Hill (591-9007) are running the Bonspiel this year and will be assisted by the Eschoos and the Fletchers.

U.S. Men's Championship, Lake Placid - Mar. 1-7

Those interested in watching some or all of the matches should make their room reservations as soon as possible. Bunkie Harmon has information on the prices of game and banquet tickets.

Norman Beaudrias

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Norman Beaudrias on Christmas Day.

Norman has been a member of Ardsley for about 14 years - first as a male curler, then as a mixed curler and finally as an Associate for the last 6 years. He was a quiet, yet warm and friendly person. You would never have suspected that he had by far the longest and most varied curling career of anyone in the Club. In the 1920's he was curling on his father's pond in Mahopac, in the 1930's at St. Andrew's with the Mahopac Curling Club, in the 1950's in Switzerland, from 1957-62 at Utica and from 1962-67 at Hershey where he was a founding member of that Club.

Colonel Beaudrias was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Those of us who knew him will miss this soft-spoken gentleman. We extend our condolences to Margaret, Mike and Bettie.

Christmas Decorations

Ann McCray has done it again. This time she got Katherine Dickinson, and the two of them obtained and put up all those Christmas decorations we have been enjoying.

Lockers

There is a list of all locker numbers on the large, round table in the dressing room. Please put your name opposite your locker number. All remaining lockers will then be made available to other curlers. If you are abandoning a locker, please give the key to Ed Doonan.

Brooms

Our Ice Chairman has been observing the inordinate number of straws on the ice this season. It has occurred to him that our curlers may wish to consider the vintage of their brooms with a view toward their replacement.

MEN'S CURLING

Norfolk Bonspiel - Dec. 4-7

Although they appear to be trying to keep the whole affair rather hush-hush, your Editor has learned that Ed Godbold, Skip, Walter Baggett, Paul Mort and Bill Winkler slipped off to the Norfolk Bonspiel. The good news is that they won their second match.

Washington's Birthday Competition - Feb. 16

Just a reminder to save this date.

First Half

Wilds - Final Standings

SW-1	McKernan-McKay	8	1	AW-4	Marr-Sibert	4	5
AW-2	Stone-Marston	7	2	AW-3	Patterson-Godbold	3	6
AW-6	Gallant-Sugahara	7	2	SW-2	Stewart-Nauss	3	6
AW-1	Beaudrias-Ficalora	5	4	CW-2	Slaybaugh-Smith	2	7
AW-5	Harmon-Whitman	5	4	CW-1	Cooper-Button	1	8

Our congratulations to Co-Skips Pete McKernan and Don McKay of St. Andrew's #1, and the members of their rink: Carl Forcheskie, Fran Hanlon, Derek Kayser, Dean Kelly and Joe Pickard.

Appletree-Colgan - Final Standings

SA-1	Mojo	7	2	CA-1	Babcock-Cea	3	5*
SA-2	Eschoo	5	4	AA-1	McCray-McCarty	2	6*

*12/16/86 match CA-1 vs AA-1 not played

Congratulations to Skip Art Mojo and the members of his St. Andrew's #1 team. You know who you are, but we don't.

Blanton - Final Standings

B-5	Gallant	5	2	B-8	McCormack	4	3
B-6	Broadhurst	5	2	B-3	Baggett	3	4
B-1	Whitman	4	3	B-4	Ficalora	2	5
B-2	Marston	4	3	B-7	MacIntosh	1	6

These Final Standings are, of course, subject to a play-off between Brian Gallant's and Geof Broadhurst's teams, which are tied for first place. We urge these skips to expeditiously arrange for their match. Our reader interest in the outcome is rapidly fading.

Because of a third opening in the Windeler this season, the three-way tie for third place took on special significance. Bob Whitman's team resolved this matter by beating Paul Marston's and John McCormack's teams in successive play-off matches. Our Senior Skips will again have to contend with the Ice Fox.

Second Half

Jug Ogden - Thru Jan. 16

AJ-3	McCarty	4	1	SJ-2	Mojo-Nauss	3	3
AJ-1	Bauman	3	2	SJ-1	Pickard-Stewart	2	3
AJ-2	Stewart, P.	3	3	CJ-1	Baensch-Cea	1	4

Thorndike - Thru Jan. 16

AT-2	Patterson-Sugahara	4	1	ST-1	McKernan-McKay	2	2*
CT-2	Smith-Slaybaugh	4	1	CT-1	Cooper-Button	2	2*
AT-4	Harmon-Whitman	3	2	AT-3	Marr-Gallant	2	3
AT-1	Stone-Sibert	3	3	ST-2	Forcheskie-Bankes	1	4

*12/28/86 match ST-1 vs CT-1 to be rescheduled

Windeler - Thru Jan. 16

W-1	Beaudrias	3	0	W-3	Patterson	1	2
W-5	Godbold	3	0	W-4	Marr	1	2
W-6	Broadhurst	2	1	W-2	Harmon	0	2*
W-7	Gallant	1	1*	W-8	Whitman	0	3

*12/17/86 match W-2 vs W-7 to be rescheduled

Windeler Substitute: Les Gatechair Give him a call. He's in the Roster.

MIXED CURLING

The 1986 Ice Crystal has now been frozen into history. Subject to audit by Arnie Eschoo's computer, the final standings are:

<u>American</u> (Ardsley)		<u>National</u> (St. Andrew's)	
<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
Broncos	131.25	Cowboys	163.75
Jets	128.75	Giants	159.75
Patriots	125.75	Bears	111.75
Dolphins	123.25	Redskins	110.75
Raiders	107.75	Vikings	102.50
Bengals	101.00	Rams	97.00
Seahawks	94.00	Falcons	95.00

In both conferences, the battle was long and hard. Four rinks in the American were in close contention right down to the final swish of the broom. The 2 top rivals in the National went head to head throughout the fall. We salute the team members:

Broncos: Bob Whitman, Captain, Mary Barclay, John Barclay, Barbara Caspers, Horst Caspers, Sharon Gallagher, Jerry McCarty, Isabel Mort, Paul Mort, Sirkka Whitman

Cowboys: Pete McKernan, Captain, Chris Bertchie, Pat Button, Bland Button, Anne Carret, Barrie McKernan, Alice Pedlow, Harry Pedlow.

This tense contest built up to the Super Bowl held in the early hours of January 1, 1987. What a grand finale! Unfortunately, your reporter cannot remember too much about the details. He knows there was a loud and enthusiastic audience, and all spectators were very happy. Bob Whitman and Pete McKernan led their super-charged rinks on to the ice, and the match was on. There was superlative curling by both teams, but at the end of the allotted time the match was all even. Nothing for it but to play another end. Alas from the Ardsley standpoint, youth could not be denied. St. Andrew's had won Super Bowl I.

In the Christmas party at St. Andrew's and the New Year's Eve party at Ardsley, we have had two fabulous evenings. Our hats are off to the leaders of these events: Arnie and Esther Eshoo, Gerry and Elaine Scherocman, Anne and Dick McCray, Margery and Charlie Marks, plus all their many helpers.

There are many more exciting events to come:

January 22-25	St. Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel
February 6-8	Headless Horseman Bonspiel
March 21	Pull-the-Plug Party

Don't forget there is still plenty of time to sign up for an out-of-town bonspiel. Just find 2 more bodies and away you go. Call the Fletchers at 478-2523 for details on the particular 'spiel you wish to attend.

One problem has surfaced in the first half: forfeits. These are an abomination. The worst is when one rink has made elaborate arrangements to attend and arrives to find no one there. Even when one team gives adequate notice, it is not a good situation. Almost always, something can be done. The Eshoos and Fletchers are there to help. For scoring purposes, the team ready to play receives 10 points, the defaulter - 0.

We are now into the second "half" of the season. Basically, you play teams from the other club in the first part, teams from your own club in the second part. Good curling.

LADIES CURLING

Three Brooms - Dec. 12

The first of the Three Brooms matches was held at Ardsley on Friday, December 12.

The match between Fran Garred's Ardsley I team (Helen Ray, Jerry Whitley & Doris Garrison) and Jan Leaton's Nutmeg II team (Lois Harness, Marlene Henke & Pam Bass) was tied up in the 9th end. With last rock advantage, Nutmeg II went on to win.

Peg Hatch's Nutmeg I team (Nancy Lack, Ann Driver & Chris Harper) won over Marita Smith's Wicks team (Shirley Bruce, Marie Jacobs & Janet Artel).

But the most exciting game was the one played between Jinny Hill's Ardsley II rink with Judy Kelley, Claire Noble and Marion Cowles against Peyton Duncanson's Wicks rink with Marcella Hanlon, Helenne Kayser and Alice Pedlow. Ardsley won in an extra end.

After the first round, Nutmeg is leading with Ardsley second and the Wicks third. The next Three Brooms matches will be at Nutmeg on February 6.

Ard-Wick I

This Wednesday competition is between 6 rinks composed of both Ardsley and Westchester Wicks curlers. The 8 weeks of play will be capped by a luncheon and awarding of prizes on January 21.

All-American

Sponsored by the USLCA, this competition has taken place on

6 Thursdays. At some future date there will be a play-off as Sirkka Whitman's team and Jinny Hill's fivesome are tied at 4 wins and 2 losses.

Empire State Bonspiel (Cont.) *Ardsley Team-Patterson, Hill, Whitley, MacFutts.*

Sixteen teams entered, including 2 from Canada: Richmond Hill and Montreal West. Utica entered 3 rinks and Westchester Wicks 2. The others were Hershey, Nashua, Norfolk, Nutmeg, Plainfield, Schenectady, Cape Cod, Albany and Ardsley. Dinner was provided in the warm room on Tuesday, and on Wednesday evening everyone went to An Evening Dinner Theatre.

The results of the Finals played on Thursday were:

Fourth Event sponsored by Utica

The runners-up trophy, the Pringle Sisters' Saucer, was won by Westchester Wicks II, skipped by Marita Smith. The Wicks were leading by 5 rocks as the match entered the 10th end. Utica II proved equal to the challenge and an extra end had to be played. Utica II, skipped by Helen Gilrog, won the end and the Hurd Brothers' Cup.

Third Event sponsored by the Westchester Wicks

The runners-up Cape Cod team, skipped by Fran Oswin, was awarded the Seibert Trophy. The winners, Richmond Hill, skipped by Fran Currie, received the Clarke Trophy. Both skips are former Ardsley curlers. Ardsley's Judy Kelley was substitute lead on the Richmond Hill team for its two final games.

Second Event sponsored by Schenectady

This match also went into an extra end. Nutmeg, skipped by Peggy Hatch, captured the winner's trophy, the Schenectady Stone, and Utica III, skipped by Margie Siegenthaler, won the Schenectady Cup.

First Event sponsored by Ardsley

Last year's winning skip, Marcia Garber of Utica I, was pitted against 4 time winning skip Muriel Tonkin of Montreal West. The Canadian team won and received the Ardsley Duck. The Ardsley Duckling was awarded to the Utica I runners-up.

The Bonspiel was a huge success thanks to Fran Garred and her Co-Chairman, Gerry Whitley. They were assisted by all the Ardsley ladies and their friends and supporters.

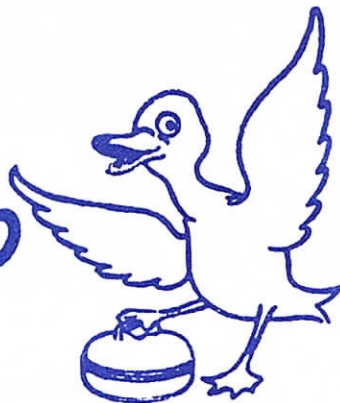
Pull-the-Plug Party - Mar. 21

We have just learned that our Chairpersons are planning a baby picture contest as part of the festivities. They are placing a clearly identifiable box in the dressing room in which they ask that you deposit your pictures. Be sure to put your name and then age on the back of the photo. We suggest you put your photo in a sealed envelope.

Reports for inclusion in the next issue of Duck Soup should be in the Editor's hands by February 9.

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



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First St. Ardsley Mixed Bonspiel - Jan. 22-25

The first St. Ardsley got off to a cold start on Thursday. In fact, the welcoming party didn't start at all, thanks to the wintry blast of snow and ice that dumped 10 inches of snow on the surrounding countryside.

But your Committee was not at all dismayed - just nervous. However, by Friday morning the roads had been ploughed, the paths cleared and the sun was shining. The first draw glided off on schedule at 9:30 after a tasty Continental breakfast.

Curling continued fast and furious throughout the day. Rinks from as far away as Boston and Washington arrived on schedule. The day finished with a hearty buffet dinner in the warm room wrapped around the 7:30 draw.

Saturday produced more of the same in the curling area. On the social side there were two outstanding events. At noon the Elliotts entertained all participants and others at their beautiful home for a Champagne Brunch. In view of the snow and slush, this was particularly heroic and greatly appreciated by all.

That evening all curlers and many other members adjourned to Tappan Hill for an outstanding banquet. Archie Bruce served as a witty and talented M.C. In addition to the dance band, a piper in full regalia entertained.

On Sunday came the finals. The results were:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
First	St. Andrew's I	Ardsley III
Second	Nutmeg I	St. Andrew's II
Third	Nutmeg II	Weston I
Fourth	St. Andrew's III	Ardsley II

In consideration of the sensibilities of some of the players, scores have been intentionally omitted. Actually, some of the games weren't as close as the scores might suggest.

Particular congratulations are due the fine St. Andrew's rink that won the First Event: Pete McKernan, Barrie McKernan, Iain Bruce and Kim Freeman. They now go on to compete in the Grand National Mixed Championship, and we all wish them the very best.

A minor disappointment was that this special event did not attract more rinks from outside the local area. This seems to be a trend noticed

at other clubs, and it would certainly be a sad development if these fun-filled weekends should lose their appeal. One remedy is for our members to support other out-of-town bonspiels. On the other hand, our own curlers have a greater opportunity to participate - so it is not all bad.

All of us owe a generous vote of thanks to the Committee: Shirley & Archie Bruce, Ruth & Paul Marston, Jane & John McCormack, Elaine & Gerry Scherocman and their helpers for the flair and many hours of hard work which went into making the first St. Ardsley such a spendid event.

Scots Men's Tour Team Visit - Jan. 27 & 28

When the Scots arrived on Tuesday morning, they were behind by 93 stones (685 to 592). They took on an Ardsley team skipped by Bob Whitman, a Plainfield/Garden State team skipped by Pete Mitchell and a N.Y. Caledonian team skipped by Ernie Slaybaugh. The results were less than satisfactory from our point of view, for the Scots won all three games, picking up a net 20 stones.

While these matches were going on, Alex Reddin took 5 or 6 Scots to see the City. He showed them the Wall Street area, with a visit to the top of the World Trade Center. One of his charges wandered off to buy a new camera and got lost. After considerable consternation and two postponements of their lunch reservation, they assembled at Sloppy Louie's. In the afternoon Fletch Fletcher, Ed Sibert and Bob Whitman took the rest of the Scots to see the mid-town area. They visited the Empire State Building, the U.N. and Rockefeller Center. They all then convened at Mamma Leone's for the banquet.

In the matches the next morning the Scots played against an Ardsley team skipped by Kay Sugahara, a St. Andrew's team skipped by Don McKay and a St. Andrew's/N.Y. Caledonian team skipped by Ken Cooper. Unfortunately, the outcome was not much better. The Scots won all three games again and picked up a net 16 stones. The Scots had reduced their deficit to 57 stones. The score was now U.S.A. 709 to Scots 652.

We thank Ernie Slaybaugh and Bunkie Harmon for making all the arrangements for the Visit, Fran Garred for providing the breakfasts and Gerry Whitley, Mary Barclay and their helpers for the lunches.

We took the Scots to the airport for an early afternoon flight to Boston. There they played at Winchester, Broomstones and The Country Club, followed by a Closing Banquet. They flew home Friday evening without the Herries Maxwell Trophy. The U.S.A. had won by 13 stones.

Sixteenth Headless Horseman Bonspiel - Feb. 6-8

Sixteen local rinks played their first matches on Friday evening. They played all day on Saturday and into the evening, pausing only for an excellent buffet dinner catered by The Ardsley Country Club in the warm-room. The results of the finals on Sunday were:

Graveyard The Fourth Event, which was introduced this year and is a consolation event for the losing semifinalists of the First Event, was won by Charlie Gutekunst with his wife Barbara, Anton Neirieter & Hilda Friesen, who defeated Jack Crowley's rink of Helena Crowley, Wayne Stewart & Marilou Mayetta.

Katrina Ralph Bankes with his wife Alison and Jeff & Tricia Hughes, substituting for John & Mary Barclay, beat Ed Sibert, Shirley & Archie Bruce and Anne Carret.

Irving The Second Event was won by Herndon Fletcher's team of Fran Garred, Ed Hand & Bette Fletcher in a close match over Don & Nadja McKay and Trevor & Kitty Davey.

Washington The finals of the First Event saw Steve Weppner up against Douglas winner and N.Y.S. Playdown contender, Steve Smith. Weppner fought a ferocious battle; the match was tied up after the 7th end. But Smith took the 8th to continue his winning streak. Curling with Steve Smith were Barbara & Horst Caspers and Clair Noble, while Steve Weppner was supported by Gerry & Ken Whitley and Bruce May.

We must thank Bob & Ginny Hill again for running the Bonspiel. (They have run it half a dozen times before, and Bob is the guy who originated it.) Bob feels that this was the most successful Headless Horseman we have had, thanks to the enthusiastic response by curlers and the fine catering job done by the Country Club and its Manager, Steve Arias - the food and service were excellent.

Twelfth New York International Bonspiel - Feb. 26-Mar. 1

Our next and last bonspiel for the season takes place at the end of the month. We co-host this Bonspiel with N.Y. Caledonian, who is running it this year. Carl Phares is General Chairman; our man is Wayne Stewart.

The scarcity of out-of-town teams continues to plague us, and we have, therefore, had to cut the Bonspiel to 16 rinks. As we go to press, it appears that the Reception and first draws will begin late Thursday afternoon.

Wells Memorial

Since the untimely death of Dick Wells last fall, the Board has given considerable thought to what might constitute an appropriate memorial for Dick. Recognizing that he was an inspiration to all of us and a strong advocate of competitive curling in our Club for over forty years, the Board has now decided that renaming our men's senior intra-club championship in his honor would be most fitting. Formerly known as the Windeler, this is the most prestigious of the Club's intra-club competitions. The Windeler Trophy was presented to Ardsley by G. Herbert Windeler in 1933. As skip, Dick won the award eleven times: 1957, 58, 62, 69, 71, 72, 76, 77, 78, 79 and 81.

A committee has been formed to select a trophy and to arrange for suitable medals for presentation beginning with the 1987-1988 curling season. As the cost is to be defrayed by voluntary contributions, we hope that members and friends will join those already supporting this effort by mailing their contributions to the Ardsley Curling Club, P.O. Box 7054, Ardsley-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10503, to the attention of Treasurer, John deRoos.

Archie McAulay

We welcome Archie, who has joined the Club as a Senior member. It's about time, Archie.

MIXED CURLING

The regular schedule of the Spring Fling has been interrupted by 3 bonspiels, but what great pauses they have been - The Douglas, the St. Ardsley Mixed and most recently the Headless Horseman. The hearty thanks of all members are due the Chairpersons and their helpers who have put on these exciting and pleasurable events.

With only 1 match remaining in the Spring Fling, the standings are:

<u>American</u> (Ardsley)		<u>National</u> (St. Andrew's)	
Yankees (Bette Fletcher)	63 $\frac{1}{2}$	Dodgers (Don McKay)	64
Blue Jays (Charlie Marks)	53 $\frac{3}{4}$	Giants (Pete McKernan)	58
Angels (Horst Caspers)	52 $\frac{3}{4}$	Braves (Archie Bruce)	52 $\frac{3}{4}$
Tigers (Herb MacIntosh)	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	Cardinals (Arnie Eshoo)	51 $\frac{3}{4}$
White Sox (Ruth Marston)	50	Astros (Fran Hanlon)	38 $\frac{3}{4}$
Orioles (Len Warriner)	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	Pirates (Ralph Bankes)	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Red Sox (Betsy Bollenbacher)	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mets (Helene Kayser)	32 $\frac{1}{2}$

The final matches are to be played on February 14, which also marks the beginning of the Intra-Club Championships.

The same teams which played together in the Spring Fling will continue in the final event. However, with one exception, all matches will be with teams from your own club and all teams will have one match with each of the other teams in their club.

A cautionary word on scoring: the sheets in the Mixed Book and the standings on the wall must both be posted. Otherwise, your score will be calculated from the evidence available, which may be incomplete. Forfeits continue to be a problem. Please let's have no more.

Winchester Mixed Bonspiel - Jan. 16-18

The Fletchers and Warriners journeyed to the Boston area to participate in a 12-rink 'spiel. Winchester I (John Swets, Skip) prevailed in their first match. Fletch took over the skipping duties in their second, losing by a hair (literally) in the final end against The Country Club. (Sumner Ferris, Skip). Dropping to the Third Event, Len eked out a win over Winchester I, who became Ardsley's opponent again by a freak of the draw, but lost a squeaker to Petersham (Bill Purple, Skip) when his final take-out left him with only 1 stone when 2 were needed to tie. They had a rough drive home in Sunday's storm - wrecked and abandoned cars as far as Hartford, and a twenty-car smashup on the Mass Turnpike west of Worcester.

Schenectady Mixed Bonspiel - Jan. 30-Feb. 1

Larry Green, Skip, Kim Freeman, Brian Gallant & Cindy Green made a quick trip to Schenectady. Since Larry and Cindy could not get there until Friday night, Brian and Kim played their first 2 matches with substitutes, winning one and losing the other.

On Saturday morning they forayed onto the ice with a full complement and lost. Not to be denied, they signed up for the costume contest that night and won the 3rd prize.

Two other teams went out on bonspiels this weekend. The Ficaloras

and Caspers went up to The Country Club in Brookline Village, MA, and the Marstons and Broadhursts went out to Indian Hill in Winnetka, IL. Neither team had much to report other than how nice the people were and what enjoyable weekends they had.

LADIES CURLING

Ard-Wick Competition

The Ard-Wick Competition for the first half of the season between the combined rinks of the ladies of Ardsley and the Westchester Wicks resulted in a tie game and had to go to points. The rink of Keenan/Whitman, Babcock, Fletcher & Dudley won over the rink of Patterson, Hanlon, Warriner & Friesen/Mojo in the 8th game. The standings were:

Keenan/Whitman	6	2	Böldt	3	5
Patterson	6	2	Garred	3	5
Bruce	4	4	Smith	2	6

The medals were awarded on January 21 and a lovely lunch was prepared. The second half of the Ard-Wick will be curled on Thursdays during the remainder of the season. The Wells-Wicks will be curled for 6 weeks on Wednesdays.

Three Brooms - Feb. 6

The second of the Three Brooms matches was held at Nutmeg C.C. in Darien on Friday, February 6. Unfortunately, neither Ardsley rink won its match. Bobbie Patterson's team of Carol Mezaros, Doris Garrison & Ruth Warriner had a tight game but lost to Joanna Owens' Nutmeg rink. In the other Ardsley match, Marie Jacobs' Westchester Wicks team defeated Sirkka Whitman, Skip, Claire Noble, Marion Cowles and Betty Winslow. The Ardsley ladies are determined to do better when the competition continues in March.

Bumper Stickers

Jinny Hill has purchased 24 bumper stickers reading "I'd Rather Be Curling". We suggest you place your order immediately. She has only 10 left, and we are sure she is thinking of raising the price. The last we heard she was quoting them at \$1.00.

Junior Skip Event

This two-week competition was won by the team of Kelley, Garred, Fletcher and Winslow. The results:

Kelley	2	0	Whitley	1	1
Garrison	1	1	Meszaros	0	2

MEN'S CURLING

Jug Ogden - Thru Feb. 13

AJ-1 Bauman	6	3	AJ-2 Stewart, P.	5	5
AJ-3 McCarty	5	3	SJ-1 Pickard-Stewart	3	6
CJ-1 Baensch-Cea	5	4	SJ-2 Mojo-Nauss	3	7

Thorndike - Thru Feb. 13

AT-2	Patterson-Sugahara	6	3	ST-2	Forcheskie-Bankes	5	4
CT-2	Smith-Slaybaugh	5	3	CT-1	Cooper-Button	3	3
AT-1	Stone-Sibert	5	4	AT-4	Harmon-Whitman	3	5
AT-3	Marr-Gallant	5	4	ST-1	McKernan-McKay	3	5

What we see in the Jug Ogden and Thorndike standings is not only incorrect postings to the standings sheets, but more importantly, a number of "postponed" matches, that we doubt will ever be played.

Windeler - Thru Feb. 13

W-5	Godbold	6	1	W-3	Patterson	3	4
W-1	Beaudrias	4	3	W-8	Whitman	3	4
W-4	Marr	4	3	W-7	Gallant	2	4*
W-6	Broadhurst	4	3	W-2	Harmon	1	5*

*12/17/86 match W-2 vs W-7 to be rescheduled

U.S.C.A. District #1 Playdowns, Utica, N.Y. - Jan. 23-25

After many absent years at the District Playdowns, Ardsley was represented by a team of newcomers, that is to say, new to our Club. Larry Green, Brian Gallant, Ken Fraser & Wayne Stewart went 7 games to lose in the finals against Dennis Speller of Amherst.

In this 8-team, double knockout (out after 2 losses) competition, Ardsley was 1-1 going into the 3rd match against N.Y. Caledonian's contender: Steve Smith and the Gutekunst gang, which resulted in another win for Larry Green's team and the elimination of N.Y. Caledonian. Ardsley went on to beat 2 Utica teams the same day, the latter match against Joe Giovannone's rink, which had beaten Ardsley the day before.

With a 4-1 record, Larry led his team to victory against undefeated Dennis Speller. This forced a final match against Speller, to be remembered as the crowd-pleasing, nerve-wracking, sit-on-the-edge-of-your-seat match. After 6 ends, Ardsley was down 4 points, having blanked 2 ends and leaving 4 ends for Amherst to steal. One point in the 7th and 8th, and a blank end in the 9th, left Ardsley down 2 coming home without last rock. When Speller came down to throw his last shot, he faced a promote, double take-out to avoid an extra end. He succeeded in moving our rocks, leaving us with 1 stone in the four-foot and another in the twelve-foot, about 6 inches from counting over their rocks, and winning by a score of 4-3. This was a splendid performance by our boys, who are chafing at the bit to get another crack at Speller.

Although they were knocked out in 3 games, Steve Smith's N.Y. Caledonian team didn't do all that badly. In their first match, they lost to Speller by only 1 stone and then beat Rochester before losing to Ardsley. You might say they had a rather tough draw.

22nd. Governor's Bowl Bonspiel, Albany, N.Y. - Jan. 22-25

Meanwhile, over at Albany Walt Baggett, with Ed Godbold, Bill Winkler and Bob Hayes, was winning the Third Event, the Fort Orange Trophy. In 5 games the team's only defeat was to the First Event winner, Grand National President Wes Millington.

In his first match Walt beat Ron Zanobi's Norfolk II team in an extra end. He then suffered an 8-2 humiliation at the hands of Wes Millington's

Schenectady I team, the previous Governor's Bowl winner. He then rebounded with a strong 4 point win over Bonspiel Chairman Austin Cline's Albany I rink.

In the Semifinals Walt faced Ablany III, skipped by Neil Fitzgerald with 2 members of his U.S. Seniors Championship rink. Walt forced Neil to make a cold draw in the last end to tie up the match. Neil came up short, and Ardsley went on to the Finals against Bob Hanna's Schenectady III CHABAWAB (Can't Hit A Bull's Ass With A Broom) team. Walt breezed through to victory without having to throw his last rocks. Congratulations to Walt and his teammates.

Francis Dykes Bonspiel, Wayne, PA - Jan. 29-Feb. 1

This year's Dykes, for men curlers with not more than 5 year's curling experience (apparently experience as a Junior curler doesn't count), was hosted by the Philadelphia Curling Club. This Bonspiel had four 8-end, point-count games to determine the semifinalists to play knock-out matches in 3 events. Two Ardsley and one St. Andrew's teams participated in this 11-team competition.

After their point-count games, both Ardsley teams ended up in the Third Event: Wayne Stewart's Ardsley I rink (Doug Bauman, Doug Whitley & Dick McCray) and Jerry McCarty's Ardsley II rink (Peter Stewart, Vince Brice & Bob Hayes). In the Semifinals Ardsley I got a bye and Ardsley II beat Plainfield, so that the 2 Ardsley teams faced each other in the Finals. Ardsley I won the match and the Davies Bowl. This was interesting, because they had lost to Ardsley II in a playdown and might not have even gotten into the Bonspiel.

The St. Andrew's team, Joe Pickard, Skip, Gert Messing, Iain Bruce and Jerry Scherocman, did better. They made it to the First Event, where they beat Utica. In the Finals they lost to the previous year's winner, Sam Williams of Brae Burn, who put them out in the Semifinals last year. As runner-up in the Finals, St. Andrew's won the Don McKay Rink. Congratulations.

G.N.C.C. Seniors Championship, Darien, CT - Jan. 30-Feb. 1

Two Ardsley rinks and one each from St. Andrew's and N.Y. Caledonian participated in this prestigious event hosted by the Nutmeg Curling Club. The Ardsley teams were Bob Whitman, Skip, with Ed Sibert, Paul Mort and Jim Zonino as Ardsley I, and Ardsley II skipped by Len Warriner with Herb MacIntosh, Herndon Fletcher and Ed Doonan. The Ardsley II rink, incidentally, was the oldest in the competition, averaging 72 years. Matches were 8 ends, with 10-end finals.

In the first match Bob beat Schenectady II fairly easily; Len got by Stan Duvall's Nutmeg I aggregation by jumping to a 6-0 lead after 2 ends and hanging in to win by 1 stone. Len's last rock managed to tuck in and be second stone when Stan lay 3.

In the second match Bob fell to Chuck Owens' Nutmeg II rink, and Len's rink fell apart to lose to Cape Cod, the eventual winner of the First Event. These losses dropped both Ardsley rinks into the Third Event, the Ardsley Shield. On Saturday Bob prevailed over Potonac to reach the Semifinals, and Len, after jumping to an 8-0 lead in the first 3 ends over Hal Nix's Schenectady I team, almost had an 8-ender in the fourth. All 8 Ardsley stones were lying, but Hal's last rock, after all but slipping through a port, wicked off an Ardsley stone and succeeded in cutting 8 stones down to 4. Schenectady thereupon withdrew!

On Sunday morning in the semifinal matches, Bob was pitted against Neil Fitzgerald of Albany I and Len against Chuck Owens of Nutmeg II, who had beaten Bob earlier. Both Ardsley rinks came from behind and battled to a tie in the last end, after being down 2 stones. In the extra ends the opposing skips, with the hammer, nosed out our teams, each by 1 stone in thrilling finishes. Chuck had to make a cold draw to the four-foot circle to win; Neil Fitzgerald won with a lucky wick. Chuck went on to beat Neil in the Finals, and Bob Whitman made a gracious presentation of the Ardsley Shield to Chuck and his Nutmeg II team.

Art Mojo and his St. Andrew's rink of Ken Knoll, Tom Foulk and Fran Hanlon, after dropping their first match to Potomas, beat Plainfield and Schenectady II to reach the Finals of the Second Event, The Bartlett Medal, only to lose to Nashua.

N.Y. Caledonian was represented by Bland Button, Skip, Tod Duncanson, Carl Phares and Denny Babcock. When we asked one of their members how they did, all he would say is "badly". They did, however, have a couple of good games of bridge, that is, until they let Bob Whitman sit in for a few hands. They are still shaking their heads and asking why he doubled 6 clubs.

Cape Cod won the First Event, the Nutmeg Stone, by beating Albany II, and Stan Duvall's Nutmeg I rink won the Fourth Event, the Crocs Medal, over Schenectady II.

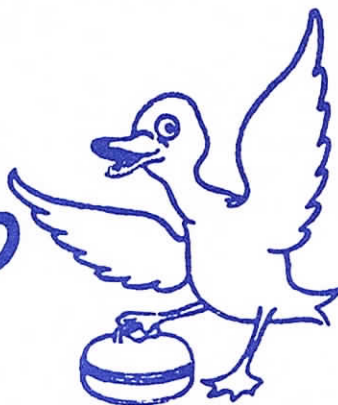
The Greater Boston Bonspiel at Broomstones, Wayland, MA - Feb. 5-8

We have learned through a member of an out-of-town club that both Ardsley and St. Andrew's were represented at this 28-rink Bonspiel. The teams were comprised of Bunkie Harmon, Skip, Jim Lento, Joe Potter and Bob Hayes; and Ken Knoll, Skip, Jim Berston, Bill Simpson and Tom Foulk. We have nothing to report since neither skip will return our phone calls.

The publication of the next issue of DUCK SOUP is in doubt since your Editor will be out of town during most of March.

Duck Soup

for Ardsley Curlers



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Twelfth New York International Bonspiel - Feb. 26 - Mar. 1

Sixteen teams participated in this annual event, co-sponsored by Ardsley and N.Y. Caledonian. Included were 3 Canadian rinks: Lambton, skipped by our former member Alex MacKenzie; Winnipeg Granite, with our renowned Kay Sugahara playing lead; and Scarborough, skipped by our loyal friend Alan Symons.

Walt Baggett's Ardsley II team, with Ed Godbold, Gerry McCarty & Dick McCray, won the Second Event; Larry Green's Ardsley III team, with Mike Beaudrias, Ken Fraser & Wayne Stewart, won the Third Event; and Carl Forcheskie's St. Andrew's II team, with Ralph Bankes, Iain Bruce & Gerry Scherocman, won the Sixth Event. The winners and runners-up were:

The Big Apple Trophy:	Winnipeg Granite - Dolishny Canadian Club of New York II - Joyce
New York Caledonian Medal:	Ardsley II - Baggett Ardsley I - Whitman
Ardsley Medal:	Ardsley III - Green Garden State - Mitchell
Mahopac Medal:	Lambton - MacKenzie New York Caledonian II - Smith
Eddison Medal:	Canadian Club of New York I - Reddin Nutmeg II - Klauman
St. Andrew's Medal:	St. Andrew's II - Forcheskie St. Andrew's I - Mojo

Our special thanks go to Carl Phares, who served as General Chairman, and to Tod Duncanson, his Invitations Chairman. We also thank Wayne Stewart, who was the Ardsley Liason Chairman, and arranged for the meals in the warm room. The lunches were catered by Diane Britts of Party Time, with the able assistance of Peyton Duncanson, Kim Freeman, Barrie McKernan and others. The Country Club provided a fine buffet on Saturday night. And we are indebted to Bettie and Mike Beaudrias for again hosting the Friday night cocktail party and dinner in their home.

Alice Pedlow

We regret to have to report the loss of Alice Pedlow on March 20 after a protracted illness. Alice curled with the St. Andrew's Mixed and the Westchester Wicks, for whom she was serving as Hospitality Chairman. We extend our deepest sympathy to Harry.

Flown Away?

The Empire State Trophy - a decoy of a Pintail duck mounted on a mahogany base - has disappeared. If anyone knows anything about its whereabouts, please call Mary Jean Keenan or Fran Garred. It was last seen just before the N.Y. Int'l. Bonspiel safely in the trophy cabinet.

Officers and Directors

At the Ardsley Annual Meeting on March 19, Vince Brice, Mary Jean Keenan, Ed Doonan and Fran Garred were elected Directors. Burns Patterson continues as President, Dave Marr as Vice President & Secretary and John deRoos as Treasurer.

N.Y. Caledonian has elected the following slate of officers to serve for a 2-year term:

Carl Phares	President
Charlie Gutekunst	Vice President
John Kassebaum	Secretary
George Austin	Treasurer

Coming Events

July 9-12	Summer Mixed Bonspiel, Cape Cod
July 16-19	Summer Mens Bonspiel, Cape Cod
Sept. 12-13	Iceless Bonspiel, Manchester, Vt.
Sept. 19 or 26	Fundspiel

MEN'S CURLING

Washington's Birthday Competition - Feb. 16

Congratulations to the St. Andrew's and N.Y. Caledonian curlers for their victory this year. Art Mojo's St. Andrew's rink, with Zajkowshi, Hanlon & Scherocman, won the Medal, having netted the most points for their clubs.

St. Andrew's-N.Y. Caledonian

Mojo	15
McKernan	5
Dunn	8
Button	<u>6</u>
	<u>34</u>

Ardsley

Warriner	8
Sibert	7
Patterson	5
Harmon	<u>12</u>
	<u>32</u>

We were a bit disappointed with the lack of interest shown in the Competition this year. We had become accustomed to seeing twice this number of teams participate.

Men's Closing Dinner - April 3

Some 40 curlers assembled at The Ardsley Country Club for this final function of the season, arranged for by Dinner Chairman Walter Steinemann. Brief speeches were made by our leaders, and the medals (For those who don't know the difference, medals are won, pins are swapped.) were awarded by Ardsley's Curling Chairman Bunkie Harmon, with the able assistance of Medals & Trophies Chairman Paul Mort.

It was a rather noisy and boisterous affair, so much so that it was difficult to understand much of what the speakers said. A few members have begun in recent years to make a sport of heckling the speakers. We wonder if the small turnout this year may be due, at least in part, to the fact that, having experienced this behavior before, some of our other members chose not to attend.

Jug Ogden - Final Standings

CJ-1	Baensch-Cea	12	5	AJ-1	Bauman	9	8
AJ-2	Stewart, P.	11	7	SJ-1	Pickard-Stewart	6	11
AJ-3	McCarty	10	7	SJ-2	Mojo-Nauss	4	14

Congratulations to Co-Skips Bob Baensch and Dick Cea and to the members of their rink: Paul Gutekunst, Hunter & Kassebaum. This team made a spectacular comeback, having stood in mid-January at the bottom of the pack with a 1-4 record. We also congratulate Peter Stewart for the best record of the Ardsley teams and who, therefore, will be skipping in the Blanton next fall.

Thorndike - Final Standings

AT-2	Patterson-Sugahara	13	4	CT-2	Smith-Slaybaugh	8	5
AT-3	Marr-Gallant	11	6	AT-4	Harmon-Whitman	6	11
ST-2	Forcheskie-Bankes	10	6	CT-1	Cooper-Button	4	10
AT-1	Stone-Sibert	9	8	ST-1	McKernan-McKay	4	11

Congratulations to Co-Skips Burns Patterson and Kay Sugahara and the members of their rink: Ficalora, Lento, Marks, Wayne Stewart & Warriner. They jumped to an early lead and kept it that way.

Windeler - Final Standings

W-1	Beaudrias	9	3	W-8	Whitman	5	7*
W-5	Godbold	8	4	W-2	Harmon	5	7*
W-3	Patterson	6	6	W-4	Marr	5	7*
W-6	Broadhurst	6	6	W-7	Gallant	4	8

*In the playoffs to break the 3-way tie, Whitman took 5th, Harmon 6th and Marr 7th positions.

Congratulations go to second-year Gold Medalist Skip Mike Beaudrias and to the members of his team: Brice, Colwell, Streckfuss & Peter Stewart; and to Silver Medalist Skip Ed Godbold and to the members of his team: Baggett, Hill, Lento, McCray & Ken Whitley. This was a fierce contest between the two medalists. Half way through the competition Godbold was the clear favorite, but Beaudrias won his last 5 matches to nose him out. We also extend our congratulations to Skip Brian Gallant for capturing the Furlined.

G.N.C.C. Men's Championship, Schenectady, N.Y. - Feb. 19-22

Ardsley Retains The Mohawk Trophy

Eighteen teams participated in this 114th Grand National Championship, otherwise known as "The Gordon". This competition is held each year at the Schenectady Curling Club in conjunction with the Grand National Annual Meeting (the Semi-Annual Meeting is held during the Iceless Bonspiel in September - this year on September 12-13 in Manchester, VT).

Bunkie Harmon, our Grand National Representative, returned this year to lead a rink comprised of Ed Godbold, Wayne Stewart and Bruce May. Ardsley was shut out in its first match against Doug Marquis' New Hampshire rink, which eventually won this Championship, as well as having won its District Playdowns and 5 of the 6 bonspiels it's entered this season. Ardsley then beat Bud Chandler's Boston Curling Club team, lost to the Canadian Club of Boston, and then beat teams from the Potomac C.C. and the Boston C.C. once again. This put them in the finals of the Third Event, The Mohawk Trophy, against a Schenectady rink skipped by Mike Erdman.

This was a cliff-hanger. After 10 ends, there had been 4 blank ends, and Ardsley was behind 3 to 6. In the 11th, Ardsley laid a 4-ender on them to lead 7 to 6. Then with his last rock Bunkie drew his stone in between two of Schenectady's stones to count. But in his knockout attempt, Erdman came out slightly wide, and Ardsley won 8 to 6. Congratulation. Bunkie was also on the Ardsley team that won The Mohawk Trophy last year.

Ken Cooper skipped a N.Y. Caledonian team with Steve Smith, Tod Duncanson and Colin Stead. About all we know is that they lost their first 2 matches by very close margins: in their Thursday night match they lost in an extra end to Mike Erdman's Schenectady rink; then they lost to Albany, skipped by George Williams, who put his last shot between 2 tight guards to take out N.Y. Caledonian's shot rock and stayed to count. There has been some rumor going around about Ken Cooper coming up light a few times.

Our Larry Green, Skip, and Brian Gallant, Vice Skip, entered a Garden State team with Ken Fraser from Plainfield and Bruce Shultes from Albany. They shut out the Canadian Club of Boston 9 to 0 and beat Erdman's Schenectady rink 9 to 5 before running into the New Hampshire Championship rink, who beat them 8 to 3. In the Fourth Event Finals, they swamped Orin Smiley's Granite C.C. team 13 to 3 to win the Rally Reid Medal. The 4 winners were:

The Gordon Medal:	New Hampshire - Doug Marquis
The R.S. Emmett Memorial Medal:	Plainfield - Jim Bartsch
The Mohawk Trophy:	Ardsley - Bunkie Harmon
The Rally Reid Medal	Garden State - Larry Green

U.S.C.A. Men's National Championship, Lake Placid, N.Y. - Mar. 1-7

Washington Takes Title From Wisconsin

This 12-team, round-robin competition ended up in a 3-way tie for first place among Wisconsin, Washington and Minnesota, with 9-2

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MIXED CURLING

The grand finale of the 1986-1987 Mixed Curling season occurred at the Pull-the-Plug Party on March 21. This great event was chaired by Margery and Charlie Marks, assisted by Ann and Dick McCray and many others; we are indebted to them for the fun time they gave us.

The winning team of the Ardsley Intra-Club Championship was the Yankees, captained by Bette Fletcher. (You read it right - Bette Fletcher) This grand old Ardsley tradition, held for the first time this year, was a close fight down to the final stone. On the last day, it looked as if Charlie Marks' Blue Jays had it in the bag. Then giant-killer Herb MacIntosh and his Tigers knocked off the leaders allowing the Yankees to slip in the back door. The Final Standings for both clubs were:

<u>Ardsley</u>		<u>St. Andrew's</u>	
Yankees (Bette Fletcher)	63 3/4	Giants (Pete McKernan)	84 1/4
Blue Jays (Charlie Marks)	62 1/4	Pirates (Ralph Bankes)	61 1/4
Orioles (Len Warriner)	57 1/2	Cardinals (Arnie Eshoo)	49 1/4
White Sox (Ruth Marston)	51 1/2	Mets (Helene Kayser)	48 1/4
Tigers (Herb MacIntosh)	44	Astros (Fran Hanlon)	32 1/4
Red Sox (Betsy Bollenbacher)	38	Braves (Archie Bruce)	31 1/2
Angels (Horst Caspers)	25	Dodgers (Don McKay)	25 1/4

On the Yankees team were: Bette Fletcher, Doug Bauman, Herndon Fletcher, Mary Jean Keenan, John Keenan, Judy Kelley, Dick McCray and Claire Noble.

For the St. Andrew's Championship, the Giants captained by Pete McKernan were the winners. This has been a great year for Pete and Barrie, who have led the St. Andrew's teams in all 3 events. We salute them for their fine achievements. Members of the Giants Championship team were Pete and Barrie McKernan, Jack and Helena Crowley, Hilda Friesen and Anton Neirieter, Eleonore Stang and Marilyn Valko.

At the close of the season we must make a special acknowledgment to Esther & Arnie Eschoo and Bette & Herndon Fletcher. We think there is general agreement that the meshing of the mixed programs of the two clubs has made the season more enjoyable for all. Much of this is due to the hard work and close cooperation between the Eschoos and the Fletchers. We expect to be back next year, and all suggestions, which will be welcomed, can be directed to the Broadhursts, Eschoos or Fletchers.

Norfolk Mixed Bonspiel - Feb. 12-15

Two Ardsley and a St. Andrew's team participated in this bonspiel. First impressions were the lovely countryside, the cold - 12 below on Saturday morning - slow ice and a temporary shortage of scotch.

The Beaudrias-McCormack rink did very well. Our team beat Hershey, Plainfield and St. Andrew's (McKernans & Scherocmans), but lost a close match in the Finals of the First Event to George Dyer's Norfolk team. This was a seesaw battle with Norfolk jumping out to

a big, early lead, Ardsley struggling back to get ahead after 9 ends, but unable to hold back the tide in the tenth.

How the St. Andrew's and the other Ardsley (Pattersons & Hughes) teams made out remains a mystery.

Rochester Mixed Bonspiel - Feb. 12-15

The MacIntoshes are repeaters at this bonspiel, and this year they took the Marstons with them on their Valentines Day weekend. There are a lot of Canadian rinks at Rochester bonspiels, and Mac ran into one in his first match. Ardsley lost to Richmond Hill. So Paul skipped the second game, and they lost to Rochester I. Then they ran into Richmond Hill again, and the result was the same.

Utica Mixed Bonspiel - Feb. 19-22

It was a fine frosty morning when the Fletchers left to rendezvous with the Eagers at Utica for their mixed bonspiel of 32 rinks. For the benefit of those who have never been there, Utica has a fine old rink with 5 sheets and a warm room running along the back and side on 2 floors containing all the necessary facilities.

The first match for Ardsley was with a very strong Canadian rink from Kingston, Ontario (about half the rinks were Canadian). This left the record at 0-1. After a leisurely breakfast, the next game was with a very powerful rink from Schenectady. This could have been won. However, it wasn't, so the record was now 0-2.

At the banquet that night our team dined and danced until the wee hours. Perhaps this explains the final disappointment when a very strong and very powerful rink from Cape Cod was able to establish its right to continue in the bonspiel. With this silly curling business out of the way, our gang was able to abandon themselves to a round of house parties, social visits, brunches, etc., heading home early on Sunday.

Broomstones International Mixed Bonspiel, Wayland, MA - Feb. 26 - Mar. 1

Broomstones is the home ice for the Brae Burn, Wellesley and Weston Curling Clubs. Brae Burn, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary, hosted this year's 32 rink bonspiel.

The Hills and the MacIntoshes did quite well, winning 3 games and losing 2. They beat Royal Montreal, Weston and Schenectady. They lost to Phil Draper, who has won this bonspiel for the last few years, and were finally put out in the Semi-Finals of the Third Event by Pointe Claire, a good Canadian team.

Kayser Memorial Bonspiel, Nashua, NH - Mar. 12-15

Two St. Andrew's teams drove up to the Nashua Curling Club to play in this bonspiel, established and named in the memory of St. Andrews' Ray Kayser.

We have only sketchy information about what transpired, but we understand that Gert Messing's rink, with Barbara Gutekunst, Iain Bruce & Tracey Messing was the runner-up in the Second Event, and that

Gerry Scherocman's team, with Chris Bertchie, Wayne Stewart & Elaine Scherocman, was runner-up in the Third Event. Rochester won the bonspiel.

The Golden Handle Bonspiel, Darien, CT - Mar. 19-22

The Nutmeg Curling Club runs terrific bonspiels, and this bonspiel was no exception. Ardsley, N.Y. Caledonian and St. Andrew's each sent a team.

The MacIntoshes and Ficaloras did not fare very well. Mac reports that they won some and they lost some. One of our informers tells us that they won one and they lost some.

The N.Y. Caledonian rink was skipped by Bland Button, with Barbara & Charlie Gutekunst, and Pat Button. Bland, who is usually quite mum about his bonspiel experiences, couldn't contain himself to tell us about his exploits at this one. He and his teammates won the Second Event, The Nutmeg Shield, 11-10 in an extra end over our friend Bill Cousins from Weston. Congratulations Bland.

The St. Andrew's team was skipped by Pete McKernan, with Kim Freeman, Iain Bruce & Barrie McKernan. We hear that after 7 games they won The Rat Race. We are not all that familiar with this bonspiel, but it sounds like the last event, doesn't it?

The bonspiel was won by Pierre Gallant's Highlands rink from Toronto over Stan Duvall's Nutmeg I team.

LADIES CURLING

All American

You will recall that we left you last January with a 4 win - 2 loss tie for first place between Sirkka Whitman and Ginny Hill. In the February 24 play-off, Sirkka's team, with Kelley, Garrison and Murff, defeated Ginny's team, with Meszaros, Warriner, Romagnoli and Russell, by a score of 8-7 in an extra end. This is Sirkka's sixth All American medal! Congratulations.

The Wicks' All American competition was won by Skip Shirley Bruce, with McKay, Mojo and Friesen.

Ard-Wick II

The second half of this competition was held on Thursdays for 7 weeks, the 8th week having to be cancelled for lack of teams to compete.

Ellen Boldt's team, with Kelley, Conner and subs was the overall winner. The second place winner was Fran Garred's team, with Hanlon, Russell and Glover. There was a 3-way tie for second place, and it had to go to points to determine the winner.

Boldt	6 - 1	Bruce	4 - 3
Garred	4 - 3	Meszaros	5 - 2
Duncanson	4 - 3	Patterson	1 - 6

Wells-Wicks

The Ardsley Ladies Club Championship - the Wells-Wicks - was curled as a double round robin over a 6-week period. The winner was Ginny Hill's rink, with Whitley, Noble and Barclay. The runner-up was Sirkka Whitman's rink, with Ficalora, Winslow and Heath.

Senior Championship

This Wicks competition, comparable to Ardsley's Wells-Wicks, was won by Marita Smith's team, with McKay, Eschoo and Glover.

Three Brooms

The last of the Three Brooms competitions was hosted by the Wicks.

Shirley Bruce's Wicks rink defeated Carol Meszaros' Ardsley team, with Kelley, Hill and Winslow, on the last rock. In the other Ardsley match, Claire Noble's rink, with Patterson, Garred and Barclay, won over Lee Nelson's Nutmeg rink. This was Nutmeg's only loss in the competition.

The Nutmeg Ladies won the Three Broom Trophy with 5 wins and 1 loss. The Wicks and Ardsley Ladies were tied for 2nd place with 2 wins and 4 losses. However, when the points were counted, Ardsley eked out the Wicks by 3 points.

Piece of Eight

This for-the-fun-of-it event of the Wicks was won by Marita Smith's team, with Glover, Hannigan and Hanlon.

Hershey Kisses Bonspiel, Hershey, PA - Feb. 10-12

Ardsley Ladies Win Bonspiel

Fran Garred took a team consisting of Mary Jean Keenan, Carol Meszaros and Doris Garrison to the final Hershey Kisses Bonspiel. Yes, they had a good time and the hospitality was great - but, they also won the First Event. This was especially nice because Ardsley has not won this Bonspiel since 1972 with the team of Barbara Brandt, Fran Oswin and Muriel Huttman. Mary Jean deserves a special medal for driving home in a blinding snow storm. All of those who've stayed at the H.C.C. will miss its comfort and convenience.

Plainfield Friendly - Mar. 16

Four Ardsley ladies traveled to Plainfield for some fun. Claire Noble, Skip, with Gerry Whitley, Betty Winslow and Bette Fletcher played two 6-end games. They lost to Plainfield and then tied in their game with Hershey.

Ladies Closing Luncheon - April 9

The Ardsley Ladies and the Westchester Wicks had their Closing Luncheon at St. Andrew's, where the awards for their final competitions were awarded.

U.S.C.A. Men's National Championship (Cont. from page 4)

Records. After Minnesota was eliminated in the play-offs, Wisconsin and Washington squared off in a match marked by slow play (nearly 4½ hours) and hogline violations - both skips had an undelivered stone removed from play for not releasing it soon enough. The match was tied at 7 all after 10 ends. In the extra end, Washington had the hammer, and with his last shot Jim Vukich curled narrowly around a long, front guard to tap out Wisconsin's shot rock and stayed for 3 points.

The Grand National's entrants did not fare too well: New Hampshire (Granite C.C.) with a 5-6 record, New York (Amherst C.C.) at 4-7 and New Jersey (Plainfield C.C.) tying Michigan for last place with a 1-10 record.

Our Ed Brandt, General Chairman, and Jim Christie, Co-Chairman, did a fine job of running the Championship. Those attending from our clubs were: the Harmons, Marks, McKays, Forcheskies, Kay Sugahara and Tod Duncanson.

The Stockton Bonspiel, Brookline, MA - Feb. 12-15

Three brave Ardsley curlers, Walter Baggett, Skip, Walter Steinemann and Vince Brice set out on a snowy Thursday afternoon to participate in the 68th annual Stockton Bonspiel. That evening they suffered a humbling 1-10 defeat at the hands of Al Hofaker's Albany team. The next afternoon they faced a Petersham team and, despite a good effort, came up a few stones short.

After a delightful banquet the night before, our team caught an early Saturday morning draw. In this do-or-die match, our team was pitted against its toughest competition yet: Bill Cushing's The Country Club rink. Despite falling 2 stones behind, TCC III's skip managed to tie the match 4-4 after 8 ends. In the ninth, TCC had 2 stones in the back of the house - one hidden, the other half exposed. Vice Skip Steinemann called for a tight and heavy last-rock take-out. Skip Baggett obliged with a bomb, removing both rocks, and the team came up with 5 points to take the match.

A pick-up Canadian Club of Boston rink provided easier fare on Saturday afternoon, but Ardsley dropped 5 points in the first end. Somewhat shaken, the team got to work, giving up only 2 more points and winning by 4. Sunday morning brought another match against Albany and the chance for sweet revenge. And sweet it was. The team walked off with a 10-2 victory.

Then came the finals of the Third Event, the Primrose, against Bill Ryer's Winchester II team, whose only loss had been to First Event finalist Royal Montreal. Our team gave a good account of itself, losing by only 2 stones.

We are proud of Walter and his teammates. They did an outstanding job against tough competition. This is especially true since they had 4 different substitutes in their 6 matches. As Skip Baggett commented, "All were fine gentlemen who added but little to the challenge of skipping an outstanding team."

We understand St. Andrew's sent Ken Knoll, Don Dunn and Martin Connell to this bonspiel, but we have no information on how they made out.

PCC Stone, Plainfield, N.J. - Mar. 5-8

Skip Walt Baggett and Vice Skip Paul Mort have been going to this bonspiel since 1979. This year they took John McCormack and Bill Winkler with them. In their first match they routed Philadelphia, which subsequently became a Second Event Finalist. They then suffered an 8-point loss to Pete Mitchell's Garden State team, which became a First Event Finalist. This rink, incidently, had 2 Ardsley native sons on it: George Shirk III and Linc Heffner.

Now in the Third Event, they beat a "Rolling Stones" team from Toronto, but in the Semi-Finals met Plainfield's New Jersey State Champions. And here the story ends.

We don't have the particulars, but Walt tells us that the First Event was won by a Garden State rink, skipped by Larry Green, with Brian Gallant and Ken Fraser. What we can't figure out is who beat the N.J. State Champs.

We have heard that N.Y. Caledonian sent 2 teams: one skipped by Colin Stead with Terry Joyce, Steve Weppner and Carl Phares, and the other skipped by Steve Smith.

Gordon International, Montreal, Quebec - Mar. 12-15

A N.Y. Caledonian and two St. Andrew's teams went up to Monreal. The N.Y. Caledonians were skipped by Colin Stead, with Steve Smith and 2 substitutes from Pointe Claire. The St. Andrew's teams included Don Dunn, Don McKay and Art Mojo. The Caledonian rink picked up 3 net points for the U.S. and one of the St. Andrew's teams picked up 20! The Canadians won by a score of 396 to 335.

Some of our older curlers will be saddened to learn that Jim Stevens died on Saturday night during this competition. Jim, curled out of Wentworth and had been President of the Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club and Chairman of the Gordon International.

City of Ottawa Bonspiel - Mar. 18-23

Two Ardsley curlers crossed over the border to test Canadian ice. Ed Godbold, as Vice Skip, and Bob Hayes, as Second, played on Bruce Shultes' Garden State rink in this 256 team bonspiel. The matches are played at the many curling clubs in and around the City. If you are from out-of-town, you are assigned a local curler, who sees to it that you get to your matches on time and shows you the sights. Your chaperon does not accompany you to the banquet, so if you are thinking of going to this bonspiel remember to take your binoculars for better to see a most revealing floor show.

40th Annual Charlottetown Confederation Bonspiel,
Prince Edward Island - Mar. 16-22

In search of yet better bonspiels, Walt Baggett, Paul Mort and Gerry McCarty flew up to Charlottetown. Charlottetown, with a population of 20,000, is the capital of Canada's smallest province.

This was a most unusual affair. Each day was a separate 20-team bonspiel. Besides the mens bonspiels on Friday and Saturday, there

were seniors bonspiels on Monday and Tuesday, mixed bonspiels on Thursday and Sunday and a ladies bonspiel on Wednesday. There was a Championship Event and 5 consolation events. The first matches were 8 ends, the rest 6, and the curling ran from 9:00 in the morning to about 10:00 at night each day.

Ardsley won its opening match on Friday morning against a Moncton rink, Walt's first victory as skip in a Canadian bonspiel. Returning immediately to the ice, the team lost to a delightful rink from the host club, the Charlottetown Curling Club. With a 2-hour lull before their afternoon draw, they went over to an all-afternoon and evening party being thrown by the Monctonians in honor of the 40th Confederation Bonspiel. Now showing some real signs of fatigue, the team was drubbed by a Mayflower C.C. rink from Halifax.

In the Saturday bonspiel Ardsley was victorious in 3 of its 4 matches, to win the Third Consolation Event! In one of their wins, their opponents were skipped by one of the few women in this mens bonspiel. Their loss was to a team of skips from Whim Road C.C. Each player called his own shots - no one stood in the house except in critical situations - and sweeping was only done when someone seemed to think it was necessary. As Gerry pointed out, for them their match against us was like batting practice.

And so after 2 days and 44 ends, the Ardsley team had won 4 games and lost 3. Not bad, eh?

The Charlottetown hosts displayed a particular glee at having a team from the U.S. There had been a team from Ithaca (possibly Utica) at their first bonspiel in 1947. Apparently, an American curler on Prince Edward Island is like a white man in darkest Africa during the 19th century. They were so delighted they not only met our team at the airport, but during their parties showered our members with all their pins, hats and T shirts. At their presentations on Friday night, they even went so far as to appoint Gerry as a member of the all-star team for the day and gave him a beautiful traveling bag. Imagine this, Gerry McCarty of the Ardsley Curling Club, a member of an all-star Canadian curling team! It boggles the imagination.