



ARDSLEY COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Please join me in an expression of thanks to Mary Bragg for putting together this first issue of *Ardsley Country Club News* — Spring 1969 — and to each of its contributors.

You can plan ahead now to communicate in the next Club News planned for Fall, 1969. Send your items to Mary Bragg, care of the Club.

The Club's Treasurer, Bob Whitman, has advised your Board of Governors that the Club is in a sound financial condition and operating comfortably within budgets. We plan to present a financial review of operating results for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1969 sometime during June when the data is available.

Respectfully,
Bob Irons

REPORT OF THE GREENS COMMITTEE

With the help of the new aerating and thatching equipment, all your greens were aerated, thatched, top dressed and overseeded last fall. They were also sprayed before the cold winter weather set in to protect them against winter kill.

All tees were top-dressed and overseeded last fall, and the fairways fertilized.

A new maple tree will be planted at the third green to replace the Elm tree that had to be removed last year. We have started work on the drainage in front of the Ladies' tee on the 5th hole and hope to have this troublesome swampy area eliminated before long.

New sand has been put in the traps on the 7th and 8th holes, and drainage pipes around the 8th green. We plan to put new sand in all the other traps, too.

The area behind the 9th green has been drained and also the area to the left of the green. All the dead and decaying Willow trees in back of this green were removed and replaced with young Willows, which will soon grow to be a beautiful background for this hole. A new road has been built going into the garage from Cricket Lane.

A picturesque new Men's Professional tee was built for the 10th hole, which some of the Pros have said made this an interesting hole. Drainage has been put around the Ladies' tee to prevent water from collecting in that area. One of the projects for this year will be to drain the damp area on the other side of the brook.

New drains have been installed in front of the 13th green and on the left of the fairway. Also the area in front of the 11th green has been drained by putting in new drainage pipes. There are still some drainage problems to be solved, but many have already been corrected.

Plans for this year also include clearing more of the rough area along the sides of the fairways of the three new holes, which will reduce the number of lost balls and unplayable lies!

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HOUSE COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT

The Main House Kitchen was closed after Christmas for a complete renovation and replacement of cooking, refrigeration, serving, and freezing facilities. The creation of the improvement plan was developed and supervised by Fred Taylor and Paul Barrett. Easter Sunday weekend marked the opening and use of Ardsley's brand new kitchen with 300 reservations for Sunday dinner.

The new Oak Room in the "Little House" opened successfully on February 8 with as many as eighty curlers, paddle tennis players, and other members and guests dining and meeting friends on winter weekend evenings.

You already know of the new "Half-way House" facilities now under construction and planned for Memorial Day completion.

We have also revamped the Men's Locker Room in the Main House and have increased our locker facilities by almost 25 per cent to accommodate new member's needs. This improvement was tied in with the removal of a chimney in the kitchen area below to significantly increase the square feet available without demolition of walls or enclosing costly extra new square feet.

Our new club manager, Mr. William A. Birch, joined us early in April. Mr. Birch has had a distinguished career in the management of unique restaurants and private clubs in the Metropolitan New York Area. A hearty welcome and our best wishes to Mr. Birch.

Hans Kertess, *Chairman*

GREENS COMMITTEE (Continued from Page 1)

Old and potentially dangerous trees were cut down west of the curling rink to protect the rink from falling trees in case of a windstorm and also to allow more sunlight to reach the 18th green.

Our investment in the watering system certainly paid off last year during the midsummer dry spell we had. We had good green grass like the other well-cared for courses around us.

New greens mowers and a machine for mowing high grass around the traps and on the sides of the tees, which will enable the crew to keep these areas well manicured without the slow tedious hand labor formerly involved, were purchased last year.

The Greens Committee, our Superintendent, as well as all the members who want our golf course to be among the best, appreciate the help of the golfers who have refrained from playing when necessary to prevent damage to the course and who otherwise take care of the course by repairing their divots and pock marks and sometimes even other people's as well.

With this kind of cooperation, the ability and know-how of our conscientious and dedicated Greens Superintendent, John Auresto, and the new equipment we now have, Ardsley Club members will have every reason to be justly proud of our beautiful and challenging golf course, which should be in a class with the finest in the County.

Paul Barrett, *Chairman*

MEN'S GOLF

1. Men's Opening Golf Dinner — Friday, April 25. Followed by— Blind Draw Four Man Team Shot Gun Golf Tournament the next day.
2. M.G.A. Public Links Championship scheduled for Tuesday, June 24th.
3. Westchester Golf Association Open scheduled for July 8 and 9.
4. We have scheduled Inter-Club Match with St. Andrews for August and are awaiting response from Knollwood.
5. Men expect to play Summer Rules throughout season as soon as course is in shape. Probably first week in June.
6. Men to commence posting scores April 19.
7. Twenty-five brand new carts arriving in April — 15 gas — 10 electric.

Ed Philipppo, *Chairman*

"THE FRIDAY NITERS"

We are looking forward to a good turnout May 9. If you are looking for a partner, or a couple to make up a foursome, please call the golf shop LY 1-8403.

The Hal Cooks
The Bill Holmes
Co-Chairmen

WOMEN'S GOLF

After a long, cold and snowy winter, the ladies are looking forward to a lovely warm spring and golf.

The opening luncheon was held April 18. A fashion show was held, followed by a brief look at the coming season.

The first day of play was April 23rd.

Virginia Schoenewaldt, *Chairman*

TENNIS

The Ardsley Tennis Program this year will begin on clay courts which have had additional major renovations and subsequently we will have six grass courts in play.

Mr. Walker is returning as our professional, and we are looking forward to an active tournament season.

The annual member guest tournament will be held July 19 and 20 with our guest cocktail party and dinner on the evening of July 19.

Thayer Drake has been appointed Chairman of the club tournament committee and will be in charge of arranging club standings and orders of play. An attempt has been made to spread out the club championship tournaments throughout the fall, so that they do not conflict with each other.

Jim Malm, *General Chairman*

LADIES TENNIS — 1969

The 1969 Tennis Program will commence officially on Wednesday, June 18 at 9:30 a.m. when we shall hold our Ladies Invitational. This spring invitational will be followed by luncheon at the Club House for members and guests. Please plan on bringing a guest and being part of our opening season festivities.

Tuesday mornings will again be ladies day on the courts. Please try and be at the courts before 10:00 so that we can arrange matches and get started fairly early.

Last year we enjoyed participation (for the first time in many years) in an organized tennis league, The Hudson Valley Ladies Tennis League. The league is comprised of the Ardsley Country Club, Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Riverview Manor Tennis Club, and the Tarry Crest Tennis Club. Despite our great efforts last year, we are certainly as a club not satisfied with our third place finish. To augment last year's placement we are pleased that Mrs. Mariann Greenberg, our singles tennis ladies champ of 1967 and 1968 will head up the Ardsley Country Club tennis team.

The Ladies program includes a *Mixed Member Guest Invitational* to be held on August 9 and 10. We do hope that all of you will start scouting the best partner available.

As in the past two years our program is rounded out by having a Fall Invitational which will be run quite like the spring affair and will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 1969. Please do mark these dates on your calendar to insure fun for yourself and a guest.

We are planning to have a tennis clinic for the younger set after school is out; and hoping to have a good turnout as we did last year!

Phyllis Landzert, *Chairman*

MIXED CURLING

The Mixed Curling season ended with an Awards dinner on Saturday, April 11. The winners of the Silver Cup were the Curries and Theises, Brandts and Fislers runner-up.

In the Fun Bonspiel, the final event of the year, the Whitmans and Waters won the 1st division. The McCormacks and the Fislers took the honors in the 2nd, and the Ironses and the Havenses in the 3rd.

Alice and Bill Nolan, *Chairmen*

MEN'S CURLING

Curling — General

There are four categories of curling available in The Ardsley Curling Club: Men, women, mixed (both men and women curling together) and teen-age. All four categories have scheduled inter-club events with other Curling Clubs in the vicinity. The big events are the Bonspiels, or tournaments held nearly every weekend during the season at various Clubs.

The men have sent five teams to Canadian events this season, and all four categories have been represented at various locations in the Northeastern section of the country.

Memberships are available in any individual category, or in combinations with a family membership.

Men's Curling — 1968-69 Season

The men curlers have been represented in 10 Bonspiels this season.

Prizes were won on three occasions —

The Gordon International, with 18 American rinks (teams) playing a similar number of Canadians at Montreal. For the first time in over 20 years, the U.S. won in Canada. Our representatives were: Hager (Skip), Stewart, Thorndike and Doonan.

The Pointe Claire Friendly, played over the same weekend in Montreal, and won by the same foursome as above, with Stewart skipping.

The Nutmeg Jug, one of the prizes in our own Bonspiel was won by Hastings (Skip), Wells, Sibert and Ringland.

Ardsley has had one of its best seasons in the local inter-club competitions having won two of the three events.

The Wilds Medal, a round-robin among 16 teams from Ardsley, Mahopac, N. Y. Caledonia and St. Andrews for experienced curlers, won by Hager and Stewart (Co-Skips), Eddison, Heffner, Leuner, McAfee, McCormack and Stedman. *The Ardsley Cup*, with 9 Ardsley vs 9 St. Andrews held on Washington's birthday. Ardsley won, with medals to the two rinks who won by the highest score (tied).

Samuel, Sr. (Skip), Conley, Williams and Wright.

Wells (Skip), Hand, Samuel, Jr. and Theis.

In the inter-club competitions

there are three events with medals for first and second place.

Blanton Medal, in which all men participate, resulted in a tie requiring a playoff for the gold (first place) and silver (second place) medals.

Gold: Hager (Skip), Bernhardt, Conley, Flynn, Hand, Self, Stevenson and Wright.

Silver: Ringland (Skip), Briggs, Gorrisen, Hill, MacIntosh, Samuel, Jr. and Storer.

Hastings Medal, for less experienced curlers.

Gold: Hamersley (Skip), Haff, Hewett, Mulholland and Moore.

Windeler Cup, the oldest competition in the Club, for more experienced curlers.

Wells (Skip)

Runner-up Ringland (Skip)

Joe Ringland, *Chairman*

ARDSLEY LADIES' CURLING CLUB

This has been the third season for The Ardsley Ladies Curling Club. The year has been most successful despite cancellations due to the inclement weather and subsequent adverse road conditions.

Tuesday, March 11 after a postponement we were hostess for our second "Friendly". Guests included curlers from Nutmeg (Darien) Westchester Wicks (St. Andrews) and Plainfield, New Jersey. Our gal curlers have traveled to Braeburn (West Newton, Mass.) Norfolk, Conn. for Bonspiels and the nearby clubs for Friendlies. (Not only does one learn to deliver a forty-two pound stone and sweep but also learns a new vocabulary!)

We will have an "Open House" next November for all interested women who would like to try their hand at our great new winter game.

Anita Doonan, *President*

JUNIOR BOWLING

We have forty-one very enthusiastic bowlers this year. Ages from seventeen down to wee eight year olds — boys with averages of 152 and girls, 130.

This is regular league bowling, with Special Events plus Inter-Club matches with Wee Burn Country Club at Darien and Greenwich Country Club at Greenwich.

With the return match on Febru-

PADDLE TENNIS

The paddle tennis season is almost over, and it has been the most successful ever. The court has been well-used every weekend, and has also had good use in the evening hours since lights were added in October. There are at least fifty active players, and an additional twenty-five or so who play occasionally.

Three club championship tournaments were run off in March — men's doubles on the 8th and 9th, mixed doubles on the 15th and 16th, and ladies doubles the following weekend. There will be a paddle tennis dinner held on Friday, May 16, at which time awards will be presented.

Walter Vail, *Chairman*

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

With five sessions already played and three yet to go, the 1968-69 Ardsley Country Club Duplicate Bridge has been played by forty-five members and guests this season.

We average between ten and twelve couples a session held normally on the first Sunday each month that start at 7:30 p.m. and break-up between 11 and 11:30. There is an ACBL accredited director, Miss Kay Bailey, guests are welcome and we can arrange partnerships for individuals. A contract player has very little difficulty adjusting to duplicate.

Entry fees are \$2 per player per session with cash prizes for first, second, and third. Season winners receive an individual trophy and their names are inscribed on a permanent one. Runners-up and thirds take home whatever cash remains after paying the season's expenses.

The standing so far this year shows Ruth and Steve Potter leading, Jack Williams and Bill Langford runners-up, and Jane and Tom Williams, close thirds.

Jack Williams, *Chairman*

ary 8 with Wee Burn we reclaimed the trophy. Saturday, March 15, Ardsley returned to Greenwich Country Club with three teams, the Juniors were very confident they would keep the trophy for Ardsley Country Club.

Marion McKenzie, *Chairman*

SWIMMING POOL BULLETIN

We have hired *The Frank Eusner Company, Inc.* established Westchester Club Swimming Pool Supervisors, of Bronxville, N. Y. to supervise and maintain our pool this year. A Pool Director and Life Guards will be hired by them with the approval of the Pool Committee.

New Rules will be set forth and agreed upon by the Pool Committee and shall be carried out by the new Director and Life Guards, with the aid of the committee. These will be forwarded to you at a later date.

New Pool Hours: The Pool will be open 11 a.m. till 8 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, except Tuesday; 12 till 8 p.m. and closed Monday.

We will have a Gala Opening Memorial Day Week-end, May 30. The pool will remain open from June 6 through September 7, and the following week-end, September 13 and 14.

New Swimming Team. We are planning to have a very active swimming team this year. We hope to have meets with two or three other clubs. The ages are generally from around eight through fourteen. Jerry and Phylis Landzert and Jack and Janet O'Laughlin are going to be in charge.

Special Events at Poolside

Friday, May 30 — Family Picnic

Friday, July 4 — Family Picnic, races, games

Saturday, August 2 — Mixed Member Guest (Golf); Party and Cook-out at Pool

Saturday, August 30 — Clam Bake

Monday, September 1 — Labor Day Family Picnic, races, games

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13-14 — Two Day Member Guest (Golf)

Our own Jenny will supervise the Ladies' Locker Room and assist at the Snack-Bar. We are planning to have additional benches and clothes hooks in the Locker Rooms for your convenience.

A portable Resuscitator is being purchased for possible emergencies.

Fred Taylor, *Chairman*

ARDSLEY CLUB MIXED BOWLING

As we go to press we have the following bowl-offs of the winners of the two halves for the season's final winners: Princes vs. Hicok-Pellegrinos for first and second places; Goldmans vs. Mulhollands for third and fourth places, and McAfees vs. Duncans for fifth place.

Some of the highlights of the Mixed Bowling season just completed are as follows:

High weekly team game — Mulhollands — 443

High weekly team series — Princes — 1,207

Most high weekly team games — Hicok-Pellegrinos — 5

Most high weekly series — Hicok-Pellegrinos — 7

"200 Club"

Al Goldman — 205

Bob Prince — 214

John Duncan — 213 and 218

Ronny and Bunny McAfee, *Co-Chairmen*

LADIES' BOWLING

It's been an exciting bowling season for the ladies this year.

After the first half of the season, Vi Odquist's team came in first, Joanne Dumas' team was second, Kay Hicok's third, and Niam Power's fourth.

There were five teams only two points apart — Hill — 221½, Od-

quist — 22, Graham — 22, Power — 22, Whitman — 20½. The next six teams were only 3 points apart — Prince — 18, Hicok — 18, Taylor — 18, Dumas — 17, Romaine — 16½ and Choate — 15.

The Handicap Tournament was won by Jinny Hill and Kay Hicok as runner-up.

Sirka Whitman, *Chairman*

ENTERTAINMENT

After a long winter, Ardsley's entertainment committee is looking ahead to the new season with what we hope to be an enjoyable program.

We plan to continue the Ardsley Nite Club at least once a month on a Saturday night — 9 to 1 special menu — music — singing, etc. May 3 — Derby Day — Mint Julip Party from 3 o'clock 'til Derby time — 3:30 dinner and a fun evening being planned — Dixieland with a New Orleans southern atmosphere.

Memorial Day — Family Picnic — featuring music by "The Village Squires" — games and races for all! Good food! See you at the pool!

Governors Ball — June 28 — great music and menu. More about this traditional event later.

Always looking for new ideas and suggestions. Do you have any? If so, please contact your Entertainment Committee — Peckhams, McCains, Zoninos, Doonans, Cooks, Powers, Walks, Ahlerts, Dumas', Barbieres, Philippos, Coombs, and F. Taylors.

The Peckhams, *Chairmen*

MEN'S BOWLING

The first half of the Men's Bowling was won by Ralph Mattison's "Hot Shots", closely followed by Vince Pellegrino's "Stalwarts". The second half is a real horse race, with five teams separated by three points.

Jim Inman has a commanding lead and is certain to end up with high average.

The Men's Senior tournament, hosted by George Rudolph as usual, was won by John (Doc) Mulholland. Vince Pellegrino was runner-up.

The Men's Club Championship was held April 12 and 13.

Among the features of the year were Special Events: Turkey Shoot, Champagne Blind Date, the Interclub match with Bonnie Briar and the Best Ball tournament.

We will bring the season to a close with the annual Bowling Dinner May 10. All Club members are cordially invited to attend and hear our own Maurey Odquist try to explain "Bowling at Ardsley".

John Duncan, *Chairman*