

PREFACE ... AND APOLOGY

To the exacting researcher who scans this account of the deeds and the men of the Ardsley Curling Club, it should be emphasized that this history is, in its early phases, undocumented. Unfortunately, young organizations are not sufficiently self-conscious to produce, in their early days, records that guide accurately a groping Historian who undertakes in 1945 to re-create events which happened in 1932.

Luckily, most of the Charter members are healthily alive, kicking, and living nearby. We can talk to them and get their help. Then, too, the records of the Grand National Curling Club carry a complete account of bonspiel winners. Bob MacGregor, the efficient ice-master of the St. Andrews Club keeps his own set of records, virtually unbelievable in their completeness. For Bob has written down the names of every rink of curlers that has ever played a game on St. Andrews ice and he can tell you the score of every match played there. We are indebted to Bob MacGregor for our having obtained the rosters of winning Windeler Cup rinks by the simple expedient of asking Bob to tell us the names of the men involved. The request was made just before going on the ice one evening last February; when we'd finished our match that same night Bob handed us a sheet of paper and all the names were there. Mac simply pulled out his record books and the rest was easy.

The most difficult task has been to find the records of Officers of the Club for each year. There is a hiatus from 1936 to 1938 that may not accurately be bridged by the fallible memories of curlers; there unfortunately are no written records for these years.

So what you read here is admittedly not complete in all respects; it is not accurate in some matters. Yet, fortunately, curling clubs start slowly and pick up speed and momentum as the early formative years pass. It appears that the Ardsley Curling Club has wisely decided to get under way with this history at about the right time. The speed and momentum is apparent to all of us. It now remains to record the progress of the Club each year and to wish fervently that this progress accelerates ... that the Club never ceases to go ahead!

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History of
THE ARDSLEY CURLING CLUB

The Early Years

On Tuesday, December 6, 1932, William A. Kimbel called a preliminary meeting at the Ardsley Club to discuss formation of a curling group from the residents of Ardsley Park and environs. A year previous the St. Andrews Golf Club had opened their new indoor curling rink and Bill Kimbel rounded up a group of thirty men to accept the invitation of St. Andrews to use the new facilities. Two curlers from St. Andrews -- Alexander Halliday and Franklin Coe -- told the guests something about this peculiar new game, "outlining the ancient origin of the game, its unusually fine traditions and the rapid recent growth in this Country of interest in the sport."

An organization meeting and dinner was decided upon for the following Tuesday, December 13th, 1932.

At this second meeting the following officers were elected:

W. A. Kimbel -- President
C. A. Miller -- Vice President
T. K. Stevenson -- Treasurer
Henry Cape, Jr. -- Secretary

An Executive Committee, a Committee on Membership, and a Committee on Arrangements was named.

The minutes continue:

"and thus was established and organized the Ardsley Curling Club, as a permanent activity in our community. Having no affiliation with any other existing organization, Mr. Kimbel pointed out that we faced the obligation of maintaining our position and developing through our own efforts. It is as members of the Ardsley Curling Club that we are invited to use the curling facilities of the St. Andrews Club.

"To further establish ourselves, it was duly moved and seconded that we apply for membership in the Grand National Curling Club of America. Mr. Cluett who knows Mr. William A. Clark, its secretary, (84 Grant Street, Utica, N. Y.) was instructed to write requesting such membership. As members of this organization, we will be eligible to participate in their tournaments. The following clubs are members of the Grand National Curling Club:

Thistle Curling Club
St. Andrews Curling Club
Galedonia Curling Club
Utica Curling Club
Boston Curling Club
The Country Club
Schenectady Curling Club

Saranac Curling Club
St. Andrews Golf Club
Syracuse Curling Club
Race-Brook Curling Club
Detroit Curling Club
Worcester Bowling & Curling Club
Winchester Curling Club

"Fixture tournaments are held by several of these clubs and upon our being elected to membership we shall be eligible to enter these tournaments.

"Mr. Kimbel pointed out that at St. Andrews we have facilities for six rinks or twenty-four curlers on Tuesday evenings. At the present time there are thirty members of the Ardsley Curling Club and several names on our list of applicants. We might be able to arrange for additional time on some other evening if the demand warrants. If our facilities can be increased or vacancies occur, additional applications for membership may be favorably considered if presented to the Committee on Membership. The Committee on Membership will have full power to pass on applications and to take necessary action in all matters pertaining to membership. This Committee will also have authority to act on all matters of conduct of members requiring consideration and action.

"The Committee on Arrangements will be in charge of the organizing of intra-club tournaments, all matters pertaining to our regular curling sessions as well as all details having to do with arrangements for actual play.

"Those intending to curl any Tuesday evening should notify the chairman of the Committee on Arrangements so that he can complete his rinks before the beginning of the play.

"There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned to the St. Andrews curling rink."

The Founder -- Bill Kimbel

The first minutes were absolutely correct in observing that curling has "unusually fine traditions." And the Ardsley Curling Club was extremely fortunate that the man who took upon his shoulders the organization of our young group was well steeped in the finest of curling traditions. Bill Kimbel was that man and he sat at the knee of his father-in-law, G. Herbert Windeler, to learn the traditions of the game and to nurture a great affection for it.

It was, in fact, Herbert Windeler who introduced the game of curling at The Country Club, Brookline, Mass. He induced some of the members to start curling on a small pond on the Club property there. The results of what Mr. Windeler started are well known to all of us who have played in the Stockton Invitation at The Country Club.

What Herbert Windeler started ended up eventually by his son-in-law William A. Kimbel rounding up a group of neighbors and organizing the Ardsley Curling Club. Bill Kimbel took his responsibilities seriously. He drove the Club through its early and critical years. He insisted on attendance at the regular evening curling sessions, not allowing anything to stand in the way of the Club's success. And Bill was a curling stylist who taught that the stone handle be gripped in the finger tips and that the swing have unbroken rhythm.

So the Ardsley Curling Club began life with tender care from an affectionate father. Evidently the Club's "grandfather" took his obligations seriously, too, for note (written in blue pencil on the back of a stock broker's order sheet) says "1/3/33 -- At the Ardsley Curling Club dinner held prior to the play Mr. G. Herbert Windeler gave the club a permanent trophy to be held for one year." This trophy is, of course, the Windeler Cup, Ardsley's club championship trophy. Since Mr. Windeler's death the most cherished tradition of the Club is that one which dictates that the winning skip in the Windeler competition shall write a note to Mrs. Windeler, now residing in England. A few weeks later he always receives a charming note from Mr. Windeler's widow in which she graciously recalls her husband's great interest in Ardsley curling.

On January 16, 1933, the Club was elected to membership in the Grand National Curling Club of America ... and everything was official!

The following men were charter members of the Ardsley Curling Club:

Harvey Bell
R. M. Boyle
Axtel Byles
Henry Cape, Jr.
Walter H. Cluett
W. Barton Eddison
Harold V. Engh
Sherman Ewing
Porter Feary
George F. Gentes
Lawrence Gilson
George W. Gordon
Maitland F. Griggs
A. L. Harmon
Gordon Harris
James B. Henney
John T. Jones

Russell Jones
W. A. Kimbel
T. Wylie Kinney
Stuart C. McLeod
Carl A. Miller
Frederick L. Moore
H. Terry Morrison
J. Wood Rutter
Arthur C. Shorey
Warren P. Smith
S. R. Stevenson
T. Kennedy Stevenson
Charles T. Townsend
John Tyssowski
Hassow von Wedel
Archibald Wilson

1934-1942

The Early Years

Bill Kimbel continued his leadership of Ardsley curling for several years and the club prospered. Membership stayed, roughly, between 30 and 40 members and we fortunately were joined by such men as Alec Boyle, "Doc" McLeod, Walter Cluett and "Jug" Ogden who had had previous curling experience in other parts of the country. These men gave Ardsley curlers the steady influence in bonspiel competitions that we needed in our early days.

"Jug" Ogden started Ardsley in the winner's column in 1935 when he started the season by leading his rink to a win in the Playland Cup and followed it by copping the Country Club match at Utica the same year. We made it two in a row for the latter competition when Barton Eddison took it in 1936.

In 1938 "Doc" McLeod won the Griffith Medal, but we really got going in 1939 under the leadership of Barton Eddison. He began with a victory in the Playland. With a rink of Ed Lockett at #3, Al Shaw at #2 and A.L. Lockwood leading, he won the Mitchell at Utica. By the rules of the competition the winning rink qualified for the Royal Caledonian Trophy matches to be played in Montreal that same year. When it came time to make the Canadian trip, Ed Lockett was unable to go along. So Si Jung of Mahopac was enlisted to fill in at the vice-skip spot. Ad Hastings played #1. For the first time in the history of the competition an American team brought home a medal when the Ardsley rink took the Consolation.

Ardsley's first victory in the Allen Medal came in 1941 when "Jug" Ogden skipped a rink with Guy Robinson at #3, Ad Hastings at 2 and Jim Finn at 1 and brought the medal back to Westchester.

We took the District Medal in 1941 when Barton Eddison's rink of Ad Hastings at #3, and Alec Blanton and Duncan Sutphen at 2 and 1 beat another Ardsley rink in the final by a decisive margin. From the vantage point of five years' perspective, the opinion may be ventured that the Curling Committee made an error of judgement in naming the losing rink as the Club's representative in the Royal Caledonian matches. However, the Ardsley contingent in Canada did not figure in the final results.

One heart-breaking fact should be recorded for posterity. In the mid-nineteen-thirties Walter Cluett approached the Ardsley Country Club with the suggestion that he give to the Club a curling rink in which the Ardsley Curling Club might be housed under the aegis of the older organization. Mr. Cluett was thanked for his generosity, but was told that the Country Club was a golf club, primarily, and that it was not interested in fostering other sports. This incident has been a source of unremitting pain to those enthusiastic Ardsley curlers who hope some day that we may have our own ice, our own clubhouse.

The officers and winning rinks during this period are elsewhere noted. W. Barton Eddison served a term as vice-president of the Grand National Curling Club during these years.

It was in 1942 that the custom was begun whereby the younger skips are named as leaders in the Windeler competition. There is support for the contention that these matches provide a splendid proving-ground for development of senior skips out of our group of less experienced men.

Officers:

President - Addison B. Hastings
Vice-President - E.W. Fiske, Jr.
Secretary - A.J. Blanton
Treasurer - G.W. Williams, Jr.

The cards were stacked against this curling season and it was Mars that stacked them. For, no sooner had the Windeler matches begun than it was decreed that automobiles should not be used for pleasure-driving. And regular curling ended the second week in January.

However, St. Andrews held their ice during the season and we did our informal curling on week-ends, getting over the Mount Hope hill by walking. Ad Hastings' scooter, bicycles and taxicab. Dues were suspended for those who wished to call off curling for the year. However, there were roughly twenty Ardsley curlers who kept the game going by regular weekendng at St. Andrews, despite the wartime ruling.

Thus, no Windeler competition was held, and the Wilds competition was called off. Yet Ardsley curlers attended bonspiels at Utica and at The Country Club where Ad Hastings' rink got to the final of the Clyde Park and were beaten by the last shot played by Skip MacFarlane of Mahopac. No bonspiel was held at Schenectady, since their pipes developed a leak and no new materials could be obtained, due to war regulations. They curled on natural ice all year.

We also sent rinks to Canada for the Gordon matches and Ad Hastings kept his non-losing Canadian record intact beating Montreal Caledonians and Three Rivers by identical scores of 16 to 8. This was the biggest contribution of points made to the losing American cause by any club from this side of the border.

It was this year that St. Andrews inaugurated its pleasant custom of inviting the Metropolitan teams to compete for its championship trophies - the Kitchell and Williamson medals. But Ardsley couldn't bring home a winner here.

1943-44 Season

Name the Officers

Even the most hard-boiled commentator would readily agree that the 1943-44 year for the Ardsley Curling Club was a definite renaissance from every standpoint. The first favorable sign came when the ban on pleasure-driving was lifted and replaced with gasoline rationing. It was no longer necessary to get to St. Andrews by bicycle or bus-and-taxi. Car-pooling held gas consumption to a sensible minimum.

Then came a crop of exceptional new curlers ... exceptional both because of their aptitude and enthusiasm for the game. They definitely had both and they gave the club a big lift. This was apparent in the almost negligible "mortality rate" of members. It has seemed in the past as if the Ardsley Club started off the season with a list of 30 to 40 men and, when the season ended, we would find that there were many names included in this list representing men who never had any serious intention of curling. In 1943-44, we "lost" only one man from our original list. It is safe to say that nothing like this has ever happened before.

As far as curling was concerned, this was the finest season in the Club's history. Both the Windeler and Ardsley competitions were tightly and well contested, being marked by consistently good curling. A play-off was necessary in the Windeler matches. Cuyler Stevens' rink beating Eddie Fiske's rink in the extra round. The Ardsley Medal play was instituted, so that the Club's regular Tuesday night sessions were occasions for competitive play every evening from the first week in January straight through the entire season, without a break except for teams which drew a bye for the night or which were knocked out of the Ardsley competition. It was a popular addition to the curling schedule. Fiske won the Ardsley and Stevens the Consolation.

When it came to bonspiels, Ardsley moved into high gear. Barton Eddison rang the bell for the beginning of the notable record when he led rinks to a Metropolitan grand slam by winning the Utica and Douglas bonspiels. In each case, Eddie Lockett vice-skipped the victorious rinks. So the suspicion grew that Mr. Lockett was the catalytic agent for winning teams when the southpaw non-resident Ardsleyite took a supposedly weak rink to Schenectady and copped the Emmett Medal, reaching the final of the Gordon competition, in addition.

A recapitulation of the season shows that Ardsley and Schenectady, between them, won all of the U. S. Medals which were won by American teams. The Toronto Granites won the Stockton Invitation to interrupt the monopoly.

Ardsley's entries in the Utica and Stockton bonspiels failed to add to the Club totals, but it should be noted that Ad Hastings' streak of non-losing Canadian Gordon matches was finally interrupted when he lost one in the Montreal matches in which the Canadians won the Gordon again.

The Winning Rinks

Windeler Cup

Cuyler Stevens - skip
Albert Shaw, Jr. - #3
Charles Upjohn
Willard Dean
John Valentine

Ardsley Medal

E. W. Fiske, Jr. - skip
Alec Blanton
R. B. Weston
Eric Lagercrantz

Ardsley Consolation

Cuyler Stevens - skip
C. H. James
Charles Upjohn
Robert Warner

Your slightly prejudiced Historian calls attention to the final match in the Ardsley Consolation when the Stevens' rink was trailing by 11 - 2 with only two ends to go. They caught Jug Ogden's rink by getting 4 shots in the 10th end and 5 in the 11th, winning 2 more in the extra end for the match.

Winning bonspiel rinks include:

Utica Cup

W. B. Eddison - skip
E. H. Lockett - #3
D. D. Sutphen, Jr. - #2
George Williams - #1

Douglas Medal

W. B. Eddison - skip
E. H. Lockett
Albert Shaw, Jr.
W. T. Gould, Jr.

Emmett Memorial Medal

E. H. Lockett - skip
C. Stevens
Albert Shaw, Jr.
R. B. Weston

Kitchell
Medal

A. B. Hastings - skip
Alec Blanton
E. W. Fiske, Jr.
Albert Shaw, Jr.

For the second year, St. Andrews invited its neighbors to compete in its own championship Kitchell Medal matches. Unconsiderately, Ardsley repaid this hospitality by taking the Kitchell when Ad Hastings trimmed Pitt Carl in a hot final.

1944-5

Officers:

E. W. Fiske, Jr. -- President
Albert Shaw, Jr. -- Vice President
C. H. James -- Treasurer
Cuyler Stevens -- Secretary

Much to everyone's surprise, this season was very nearly as successful as the preceding one. It had seemed unlikely that the Club could hope to duplicate, in curling enthusiasm and bonspiel success, the eminently brilliant 1943-4 year. In the first instance - enthusiasm - results probably surpassed 1944. In the second - bonspiel success - it was a very close second.

The group of curlers who joined the Club showed great aptitude and at the end of the season they competed for a point-curling prize which was won by Harold Sothern. Attendance was exceptional for a war-time season. If memory serves correctly, we had 26 men at the mid-season Dinner, despite a roaring blizzard which might be expected to ruin the turn-out. Car-pooling helped the men to get to the St. Andrews Club with gasoline tightly rationed.

The Curling Committee, under Chairmanship of Alec Blanton, took a necessary step occasioned by the fact that we had only two experienced skips - Addison Hastings and W. Barton Eddison - and that these two men were busy in war work and could not be expected to make more than a minimum of out-of-town trips. The step was the naming of three new skips, Alec Blanton, Ed Fiske and Cuyler Stevens. And these men led teams in the Wilds Medal competitions, as well as in bonspiels.

The 1944-45 Season was marked by the appearance of Ardsley rinks in a record number of bonspiel finals ... but only one victory.

We started the season inauspiciously in the Utica-Playland bonspiel, no Ardsley rink getting beyond the second round. But, in the Douglas and Griffith matches, Ardsley served notice on the Grand National that we were a club to beat. Three Ardsley rinks were on the ice for the semi-final matches. Only Hastings' rink made the grade and he was beaten by the Toronto Granite powerhouse in the final. Cuyler Stevens took a 3-man team to Utica and picked up a lead there, getting to the finals of both the Allen and Mitchell competitions, being soundly beaten in the latter and losing a heart-breaker in the Allen. Last-minute changes cancelled one rink scheduled for the Schenectady trip and Ed Fiske's rink did not get past the second round. It was an all-Ardsley final in the District Medal matches, with Stevens (skip), Eddison, Weston and Shaw winning from Hastings' rink. Addison Hastings, with Alec Blanton, Ed Fiske and Vic Hockmeyer, made the outstanding record by getting to the final of the Stockton Invitation Bonspiel at The Country Club and losing a close one to Winchester, the latter club's first major win in their curling history. Hastings knocked off all the tough teams on his way to the final. It is noteworthy that this bonspiel was rightly named the season's best competition, since the draw included a number of the top Canadian rinks who had made the trip for the Gordon International matches. However, the international matches were called off due to a belated, and debatable, recognition of the request of the Office of Defense Transportation concerning gatherings of 50 or more people.

Climax of the season, and Ardsley's seventh final round match came in the Montreal matches for the Royal Caledonian Trophy. Beaten in the first round by Lennoxville, the Ardsley rink (the District Medal winners mentioned above) beat St. George and Russell to gain the final round of the Consolation where they were whipped by a Seignory team.

St. Andrews continued its pleasant custom of inviting the other clubs who use St. Andrews ice to enter rinks in the Kitchell and Williamson Medal competitions. Addison Hastings repeated his win of the previous year, with the identical rink, in the Kitchell. He defeated Mr. Kitchell in the final. Barton Eddison's rink won the Williamson, making it an Ardsley sweep and, if you care to count this competition as a bonspiel, Ardsley raised its total to nine finals for the complete 1944-45 year.

Of real significance to the Ardsley Curling Club was the naming of Addison B. Hastings as Second Vice President of the Grand National. This move signalized Ardsley's place as the most active curling club in the metropolitan area, with more curlers on its roster than our host club, St. Andrews.

Winning Rinks - Intra-Club

Alex Blanton's rink won the Windeler by a wide margin, being undefeated throughout the competition. Incidentally, Alex also reached the play-off for the Wilds, which was won by Buddy Arndt of St. Andrews. Cuyler Stevens won the Ardsley Medal and C. H. James took the Consolation. The fur-lined thundermug was won by George Williams, a repeat victory. Due to wartime metals shortages, no medals were presented this year in our own competitions. They will be given as soon as conditions permit.

The winning rinks included the following men:

Windeler Cup

Alex Blanton--skip
Walter Howlett
Eric Lagercrantz
James Stevenson
Richard Wells

Ardsley Medal

Cuyler Stevens--skip
Charles Upjohn
A. C. Bickford
Angus Robertson

Ardsley Consolation

C. H. James--skip
R. B. Weston
Victor Hockmeyer
Joseph Simmons

Point Curling (first-year men) - Harold Sothern
OOO Trophy - George Williams

The winning bonspiel teams included:

District Medal

Cuyler Stevens - skip
W. B. Eddison - #3
R. B. Weston - #2
Albert Shaw, Jr.

Kitchell Medal

Addison Hastings - skip
Alex Blanton
E. W. Fiske, Jr.
Albert Shaw, Jr.

Williamson Medal

W. B. Eddison - skip
Cuyler Stevens
R. B. Weston
C. H. James

At the conclusion of the season, a new Officer was added - Historian - and thus these notes begin some twelve years too late.

A new publication, National Curling News, also began publication in 1945.

Its editor is Glenn Harris of Superior, Wisconsin.

Fashion note - the two-tone blue Ardsley Curling Club dress jackets made their appearance this year at the Stockton bonspiel.

New Ardsley Cup Competition

At the final Curling Dinner, a motion was approved to retire the Ardsley Cup from the competition for which it was originally planned, and to place it in competition between Ardsley and St. Andrews. Plans will be worked out by the Chairmen of the two club's curling committees, but, in general, it will follow the successful outline of the Munson Shield competition, played each year between Utica and the Montreal Heather Club. It is hoped that St. Andrews will accept this competition and that the 1945-46 season will see the inaugural of Ardsley Cup matches and the beginning of a fine competition.

In concluding these notes, observation might be made that the take-out game is beginning to gain popularity in local matches. Jimmy Ingraham and Buddy Arndt show signs of breaking out what the Canadians call "the granite game." Ardsley skips realize that they must understand this game in order to defend against it, but they seem disinclined to adopt it as tactics.

1945 - 6 SEASON

OFFICERS

President	-	Albert Shaw, Jr.
Vice President	-	Alex J. Blanton
Secretary	-	R. B. Weston
Treasurer	-	Charles T. Upjohn
Historian	-	Cuyler Stevens

The 1946 season was a distinct comedown competitively speaking, by comparison with the two preceding years. If an excuse were to be sought, we could find some explanation in the worst winter for colds, flu and grippe that we have probably ever experienced, plus the necessity for sticking close to our desks during the busy days of reconversion from war business to peace.

The latter factor severely weakened our rinks on out-of-town trips, and the former played havoc with our intra-club matches; the Windeler matches being played at less than full strength fairly consistently throughout the tournament.

Nevertheless, bearing in mind the future of Ardsley Curling, it was a singularly successful year. This was made evident at the start of the season, when the Ardsley Curling Club enjoyed a new and very gratifying experience. For the first time in fourteen years, there were vacancies for no new curlers at the outset of the season. We re-elected four former members to fill out our roster of 31 active curlers, and there was room for no neophytes.

This meant that no time needed to be used at the opening sessions to train untried curlers. We were enabled to begin the Ardsley Medal Competition on the second evening in a blaze of enthusiasm.

It should be noted that in January we elected two new curlers, Ernest Rumpf and L. W. Grasskamp.

ARDSLEY GETS A CHARTER

In mid-October, a pre-season meeting was held in order to discuss and adopt an informal "constitution", since the club had never had one.

The text of this document is appended for purposes of record.

It was decided to limit the number of active curlers to 31. Three honorary members were elected at this fall meeting. William Kimbel (founder of the Club), James Finn and George Ogden were thus honored.

BONSPIEL COMPETITIONS

The 1945-6 season got off to a flying start in the Utica-Playland event. It was an all-Ardsley final. Addie Hastings, with Shaw, Gish and Hockmeyer, beat Eddie Fiske, who had Stevens, Howlett and Sothern. The score was 20-6.

In the Douglas event, Ardsley got nowhere. All of our rinks were knocked out in the first round.

At Utica, we did better. Ad Hastings curled beautifully to go into the Mitchell

final with his rink of Weston, Howlett and Stevenson. They were beaten in this event by Ward Murray's powerhouse, who repeated their last year's win, and who, for your historian's money, are the finest rink in the circuit this year.

Stevens' team of Shaw, Sutphen and a substitute took an early train home, although they reached semi-finals of the Mitchell and Allen.

At Schenectady, Stevens' rink of Shaw, Gould and a Schenectady substitute, did themselves no good, losing in both first rounds.

This year, St. Andrews invited us to enter one rink in the Kitchel Medal Matches, and Eddie Fiske, with James, Robinson and May, went into the final, where they were nosed out by Ingram.

WE WIN DISTRICT MEDAL AND BROOKLINE

We got back into our stride in the District Medal. The final was a duplicate of last year's match in more ways than one. Again, it was an all-Ardsley affair. Again, the less favored rink won when Barton Eddison, with Stevens, Howlett and Valentine beat Hastings, who had Blanton, Shaw and Sothern. Eddison's rink went into the final end two points down, and scored three to win.

Play in the Dykes was resumed after a war lapse. The Country Club won the main event, but Buck James came through with Sothern, Valentine and Wells to win the consolation Brookline trophy. In this match, Buck's rink overcame a six-rock deficit to beat a St. Andrews rink skipped by Fry. This marked the first Ardsley win in either junior Bonsel event.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

The Gordon International Medal was won by the United States by a heavy margin. Ardsley was represented by one rink skipped by Hastings, with Blanton, James and Sothern, who beat Montreal Caledonia 20-5, lost to Point Claire 9-10 (8 ends).

Ardsley's entry in the Royal Caledonian Matches was typically affected by the disabilities of health and business, mentioned in the first paragraph. Jack Valentine was forced by business pressure to give up his place to Bill Gish. At 7:15 on the day the rink was leaving for Montreal, its skip, Barton Eddison, phoned to say that he had a bad shoulder and could not make the trip. As a result, Ardsley was forced to pick up a substitute #3, John Moffatt of the Montreal Caledonian Curling Club. This team had an easy time with Granby in the first round, winning 15-6, but went down to a decisive defeat, when they ran up against some splendid curling from a Thistle rink skipped by Walsh.

The 1946 season was the first in which the Grand National Curling Club of America was invited to participate in the Elgin Trophy Matches. Six teams from the Grand National were invited to participate, Ardsley being represented by Fiske, Shaw, Weld and Hockmeyer. We beat Cornwell 19-11, lost to Shawinigan Falls 8-10, and to Three Rivers 10-13.

It is interesting to note that Utica was beaten in its second Canadian final in three years, when Bob Davies bowed to the Toronto Granites in the Elgin.

INTRA-CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Wilds Competition was more of a mess than usual, with postponed matches

ruining the normal schedule. Fortunately, this made no difference, since Ingram's St. Andrews' rink completed their schedule without a defeat.

The Windeler Cup was reinstated as the Ardsley Curling Club Championship, which principally means that Messrs. Eddison and Hastings were allowed to skip in this competition for the first time in several years. Junior skips took care of the Ardsley Medal play.

The Ardsley was won by Duncan Sutphen's rink of Sothern, Gish and Hockmeyer, who defeated Robinson, Fiske, Valentine and Wurster in the final. Walter Howlett, with Lovekin, Van Alstyne and *Dean, won the consolation*

The Windeler Cup was removed from mothballs, and for the first time in eleven years --- was engraved with the names of all winning rinks. At the conclusion of the round robin, the Hastings and Stevens rinks were tied for the league, Stevens having been swamped by Hastings in their first match, and Hastings registering his only loss on the final night, when Guy Robinson beat him. The playoff was won by Stevens, James, Gish and May. Van Alstyne also received a winning medal. Hastings' rink was set up with Lovekin, Baker, Dean and Wells. However, the rigors of Bellevue Hospital duties kept Lovekin from joining Addie in any of the matches. Thus, Addie did a remarkable job in tying for the lead without ever using his regular number-three player. The final score was 16-4. *Upjohn*

The OOO Competition was won by Barton Eddison, with Howlett, and Stevenson who beat Sutphen's rink in the playoff. Thus, Charlie Upjohn won the privilege of wearing one of the miniature fur-lined trophies which he had so generously presented to the club earlier that evening.

The Kimbel plaque was won by an Ardsley team skipped by Hastings. It is impossible to record the personnel of Addie's winning rink, since there were so many changes during the course of the play on Sunday afternoons. He had Fiske, Weston and Sothern on the original team, but several substitutes got a chance to curl in many matches before the series was completed.

MISCELLANY

The New York Caledonian Curling Club celebrated its 90th anniversary on January 12, and the dinner was one of the finest ever held at St. Andrews. Memorial buttons were given to all present.

The Country Club's curling rink burned to the ground on February 5 -- a tragedy that may result in a complete lack of curling at Brookline next year.

Our President, Albert Shaw, has appointed a committee to discuss with St. Andrews the problems of curling at the St. Andrews rink. It is an open secret that membership at St. Andrews has suffered. For two consecutive years, Ardsley has had more members than its host club, and there are certain other problems involving finances and general interest in curling.

It should be noted that two of our honorary members, Jug Ogden and Jim Finn, have offered a new medal to the Ardsley Curling Club. Unfortunately, we took no action on this matter. However, it is safe to say that this new trophy will be placed in competition next year.

Winning Windeler Rinks

1933

W. A. Kimbell - skip
W. B. Eddison
A. L. Harmon
A. C. Shorey

1934

A. R. M. Boyle - skip
G. B. Ogden
S. Peabody
T. K. Stevenson

1935

G. B. Ogden - skip
G. Robinson
S. Peabody
J. Finn

1936

S. C. McLeod - skip
J. V. Dillon
O. S. Lovekin
W. VanAlstyne
A. Shaw, Jr.

1937

G. B. Ogden - skip
G. Robinson
A. B. Hastings
J. Finn

1938

W. B. Eddison - skip
C. T. Townsend
C. Elliott
G. W. Williams
D. Luke

1939

G. Robinson - skip
A. B. Hastings
J. P. Ringland
A. V. Lewis
E. H. Mairs

1940

A. A. Throckmorton - skip
S. Lovekin
E. H. Mairs
W. M. Howlett
R. D. Prior

1941

A. Shaw, Jr. - skip
S. Lovekin
D. D. Sutphen, Jr.
W. VanAlstyne
C. Stevens

1942

G. W. Williams - skip
C. Stevens
W. B. Eddison
T. Brooks
R. B. Weston

1943

Competition not held
due to war

1944

C. Stevens - skip
A. Shaw, Jr.
W. B. Dean
C. T. Upjohn
J. Valentine

1945

A. Blanton - skip
W. M. Howlett
E. Lagercrantz
J. Stevenson
R. Wells

Ardsley's Bonspiel Winners

1935

Playland Cup

G. B. Ogden, skip
Russell Jones
Dr. Pinkerton
"Pipe Master" McMurdo

Country Club Cup

G. B. Ogden, skip
S. C. McLeod
H. A. Jung
(Atlas) Harold O'Connor

1935-36 season

1936

Country Club Cup

~~W. Barton Eddison, skip~~

(These probably are
engraved on the Cup)

*G.B. Ogden 4th
S.C. McLeod 3rd
W. Barton Eddison, #2 & skip*

1938

Griffith Medal

S. C. McLeod, skip	Score in finals
G. B. Ogden	vs
G. Robinson	Country Club
A. B. Hastings	24-0

1939

Playland Cup

W. Barton Eddison, skip

Mitchell Medal

W. Barton Eddison, skip
E. H. Lockett..... #3
Albert Shaw, Jr..... #2
A.L. Lockwood*..... #1

1939-40 season

*Mr. Lockwood was a Utica
curler who substituted

Royal Caledonian Trophy
Consolation Round

W. Barton Eddison, skip
H.A. Jung*..... #3
Albert Shaw, Jr.... #2
Addison B. Hastings #1
*"Si" Jung was a Mahopac
curler who substituted

1940

District Medal

G. Robinson, skip
A. B. Hastings..... #3
Charles Townsend.... #2
J. Plummer..... #1

1941

Allen Medal

G. B. Ogden, skip
Guy Robinson..... #3
Addison Hastings... #2
James Finn..... #1

District Medal

W. Barton Eddison, skip
Addison B. Hastings..... #3
Alec Blanton..... #2
D. D. Sutphen, Jr..... #1

Ardsley's Bonspiel Winners
(Continued)

1943

Utica Cup

W. Barton Eddison, skip
E. H. Lockett..... #3
D. D. Sutphen, Jr. #2
George Williams..... #1

1943-44
Season

1944

Douglas Medal

W. Barton Eddison, skip
E. H. Lockett..... #3
Albert Shaw, Jr. #2
W. T. Gould, Jr. #1

Emmett Memorial Medal

E. H. Lockett, skip
Cuyler Stevens..... #3
Albert Shaw, Jr. #2
R. B. Weston..... #1

Kitchell Medal

Addison Hastings, skip
Alec Blanton..... #3
E. W. Fisher, Jr. #2
Albert Shaw, Jr. #1

1945

District Medal

Cuyler Stevens, skip
W. Barton Eddison..... #3
Russell Weston..... #2
Albert Shaw, Jr..... #1

Kitchell Medal

Addison Hastings, skip
Alec Blanton..... #3
E. W. Fiske, Jr. #2
Albert Shaw, Jr. #1

Williamson Medal

W. Barton Eddison, skip
Cuyler Stevens..... #3
C. H. James..... #2
R. B. Weston..... #1

Utica Medal

Addison Hastings, skip
Albert Shaw, Jr. #3
William Gish..... #2
Victor Hockmeyer..... #1

1946

District Medal

W. Barton Eddison, skip
Cuyler Stevens..... #3
Walter Howlett..... #2
Jack Valentine..... #1

Kimbel Plaque

Addison Hastings, skip
E. W. Fiske..... #3
Russell Weston..... #2
Harold Sothern..... #1

Brookline Trophy

C. H. James, skip
Harold Sothern..... #3
Jack Valentine..... #2
Richard Wells..... #1

*Bill
Curling*

September 1, 1944

Mr. William A. Kimbel
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

There is a great hiatus in the Ardsley Curling Club's records between 1934 and 1938.

The first officers were you as president; Carl Miller as vice president; Henry Cape, secretary, T. K. Stevenson, treasurer; and the records seem to indicate that the officers were re-elected for the following season, 1933-34.

Some remnant of correspondence seems to indicate that you continued as president in 1934-35, and then we have nothing until Guy Robinson became president in 1938-39, from which point the records are complete.

The Grand National does not seem to be able to help me on this and I thought that maybe your trustworthy memory would recall at least some of the high spots of the roster of officers in the vacant period.

Thanks very much for your long and thoughtful letter. I am going to put this thing together by roughing out a history and submitting it to a few of the old-timers to make corrections and fill in blank spots.

I am particularly anxious to get the list of early Windeler winners. These records are practically non-existent before 1938.

Yours very sincerely,

Cuyler Stevens:fb
cc: Mr. Edwin W. Fiske, Jr.

This is the list of officers, as recalled by the joint memories of Al Shaw and Eddie Lockett; and augmented by the records:

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice-President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
<u>1932-33</u> Wm. A. Kimbel	Carl A. Miller	Henry Cape, Jr.	T. K. Stevenson
<u>1933-34</u> Wm. A. Kimbel	Carl A. Miller	Henry Cape, Jr.	T. K. Stevenson
<u>1934-35</u> Wm. A. Kimbel	W.B. Addison (?)	Henry Cape, Jr.	T. K. Stevenson
<u>1935-36</u> W. Burton Addison Wm. A. Kimbel	W.B. Addison	Henry Cape, Jr.	T. K. Stevenson
<u>1936-37</u> W. B. Addison	Guy Robinson	Stuart Peabody	Guy Robinson
<u>1937-38</u> W. B. Addison	Guy Robinson	S. Peabody	E. H. Lockett
<u>1938-39</u> Guy Robinson	S. Peabody (?)	A. Shaw, Jr.	E. H. Lockett
<u>1939-40</u> E. H. Lockett	A. Throckmorton	A. Shaw, Jr.	J. F. Plummer
<u>1940-41</u> Alwyn A. Throckmorton	A. B. Hastings	A. Shaw, Jr.	W. M. Howlett
<u>1941-42</u> Throckmorton	A. B. Hastings	A. J. Blanton	W. M. Howlett
<u>1942-43</u> A. B. Hastings	E. W. Fiske, Jr.	A. J. Blanton	G. W. Williams, Jr.
<u>1943-44</u> E. W. Fiske, Jr.	D. D. Sutphen, Jr.	G. Stevens	G. W. Williams, Jr.
<u>1944-45</u> E. W. Fiske, Jr.	Albert Shaw, Jr.	G. Stevens	C. H. James
<u>1945-46</u> Albert Shaw, Jr.	A. J. Blanton	R. B. Weston	C. T. Upjohn
	Historian - Guyler Stevens		