



On The Ice

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Welcome to 2009 and the latest issue of **On The Ice** The newsletter is designed to convey information to all members about what is happening within the Ice Rink during the curling season. In order to improve communication for members then any article by Clubs, or individual members, can be submitted to Jim Morrison, Curling Development Officer—simply leave the article in the front office. Alternatively, you can email Anne Hood at annehood@btinternet.com.

The more information we receive then the more interesting this newsletter becomes.

Also, if any member wishes to see a particular topic within the newsletter then please advise Jim Morrison or Anne Hood. Your views would be gratefully received.

LANARKSHIRE ICE RINK WEB SITE

Have you ever looked at the web site for your ice rink?? Either

www.lanarkshireicerink.co.uk

or

www.hamiltonicerink.co.uk

will lead you to a great deal of information which you will need at sometime. All the upcoming competitions are listed, and maybe more important, all the results of the various leagues and competitions.

However, the latest addition is certainly the most useful for the everyday curler who needs to re arrange a match or organise an extra game. We now have an “ Available Ice” button which shows all the ice available for booking.

Now you don't need to phone the office to see if a sheet is available when you need it, just log on to the site and click the “Available Ice” button, if it's there it's available.

Saves all these phone calls back and forth checking and confirming
by Jim Morrison

COMPETITIONS

THE

YETT

COMPETITION



By Moray Deane

Winners - 2008

Congratulations to Helen King who skipped her rink to take the Yett Trophy in December 2008. An exciting final was held with an extra end having to be played to decide the ultimate winners.

A good, fun day was had by all. Curling is a sport that certainly lends itself to be played by all ages at the same time!

Thank you to all teams who participated.



The Yett Competition
2008 - Runners-Up

T.B.DICK

FINAL—28th NOVEMBER 2008 COULTER -v- HAMILTON & THORNYHILL

Coulter: 8 shots, four ends
Hamilton & Thornyhill: 9 shots, seven ends

A very tense and very enjoyable match that went on for over three hours, neither team getting more than 2 shots ahead; with the result only being determined with the last two stones, from the two skips, in the last end, the twelfth, of the match.

Coulter opened the scoring taking the first end with 1 shot, but, this required a measure. Hamilton & Thornyhill recovered and took the second end with two shots, again a measure was required. Coulter came back and secured the third end with 3 shots. Hamilton & Thornyhill were not to be outdone and took the next two ends with 1 shot each, however two measures were required to establish the winning stone at the fifth end, things were very tense at this point!

This made the two teams level with 4 shots each going into the sixth end. Coulter took this end with 1 shot and Hamilton & Thornyhill replied to take the seventh end with 2 shots. Coulter came back with vengeance taking the eighth end with 3 shots and it was not looking good at this point for Hamilton and Thornyhill with only two ends to go and 2 shots down. However, they were not going out lying down and proceeded to take the next two ends with 1 shot each, the tenth end being crucial for Bryce who was lying 3 down with his last stone, but pulled it back to 1 down, to play an extra end, the eleventh. This time it was James who had to pull the rabbit out of the hat, and he just managed to sweep out Bryce's last stone to blank this end, for a second extra end, the twelfth, to be played.

By John Harcourt

Coulter			Hamilton & Thornyhill	
	Bryce Smith	Skip		James Tait
	Robert Dunlop	3		Alan Hall
	Willie Steele	2		Andrew Ballantyne
	Stephen Kenyon	1		John Ballantyne
Points	Total	Ends	Points	Total
1	1	1	-	-
-	1	2	2	2
3	4	3	-	2
-	4	4	1	3
-	4	5	1	4
1	5	6	-	4
-	5	7	2	6
3	8	8	-	6
-	8	9	1	7
-	8	10	1	8
-	8	11	-	8
-	8	12	1	9



Winners - 2008

LADIES XMAS CHARITY BONSPIEL

By **Christine Hall**

The theme this year for the competition, sponsored by Wiseman Dairies, was festive headgear and all the teams went to town on their creations. There were hats decorated with Santa's going down the chimney: snowmen, reindeer, Christmas presents, Christmas puddings and even some beautiful decorations that wouldn't look out of place on a fancy dinner table. Believe it or not, there was even a turkey atop one lady's head! However, the winners of the day were Isabelle Tait's team with their Christmas Trees duly illuminated—just like the real thing.

The day was full of festive fun and laughter and with the fancy headgear leaving some debris on the ice, some pick-ups were inevitable thus providing excuses for the losing teams (ha ha). Altogether there were two Sections—Section A was won by Isobel Waddell's rink and Section B was won by Lynda Blackwood's team.

A raffle was held with over £300 being raised—this being donated to the worthy cause at Averon House.

**THE
ILLUMINATING
LADIES**



SHAREHOLDERS

DUNCAN JOHNSTON TROPHY

By **Anne Hood**

The first of the Shareholders' Leagues was decided in December 2008.

All teams were divided into two Sections with the semi-finals playing the Winners of Section A against the Runners-Up of Section B, and, the Winners of Section B playing against the Runners-Up of Section A. The teams were well matched because the final consisted of the Winners of Section A playing against the Winners of Section B.

The winners, and holders of the Duncan Johnston Trophy for 2008, was the team skipped by Richard Gray who beat Archie Kerr's team in the final.

Congratulations to Richard's team and well done to everybody who took part in the competition.

For the rest of the shareholders—well, the Crookedstone Competition looms. Good luck!



WINNERS:

Richard Gray
Bob Thomson
John Harcourt
Lorna Gray

CATERING

By Tom Gibson

I haven't much to report this term except that the catering is going well with much more happier clients.

The staff are much improved and the quality is good at fair prices. The Ice Pad Ordering Sheets are used and found to be very useful by the staff.

If anyone has any suggestions then kindly contact Lockhart or myself.

However, we do need more customers and I urge all patrons of the Ice Rink to utilise these facilities more often. You get good value for your money and the caterers are flexible and prepared to tweak their product to suit customers' requirements. For functions etc I would stress to Club Secretaries that they should communicate more with the caterers. Double check arrangements and please do not leave it to the last minute!



ICE RINK CLUB

The following events are currently being organised:
24 Jan - Burns Supper. Cost = £20 per ticket but this includes a 4-course dinner. Speakers and entertainment is provided.

25 April - LIR prize-giving and dinner

I am pleased to report that the wine tasting evening was a success and that, coupled with the sell-out evening for the Ladies Pampering Night, a total of £500 has been raised towards Ice Rink Funds. A request has been received for another Quiz Night—if members wish this organised then please contact me **ASAP - Ta!**

Thank you for your support.

Gillian Haggart - President



ICE SPORTS CLUB

On behalf of the Committee I sincerely hope that Clubs will support the LIR competitions in order to maintain a competitive season. Thank you.

Moray Deane - President



JUNIOR CURLING

Kay Hamilton, Meg Allen and their band of volunteer supporters continue to manage the Junior Curling Programme. It is hoped that future editions of 'On The Ice' will inform members of what the juniors are up to!

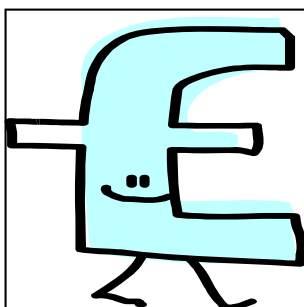
CLUB DEVELOPMENT GRANTS



Do you know that your club is entitled to apply to the RCCC for a Club Development Grant which can be used for any purpose which will result in the improvement and development of your club for its members. There must be something which everyone complains about, here's the chance to get some cash and do something about it. The application process is very simple and I can offer any help or advice if it's needed.

For Example.....your newer members might like to brush up on their basic skills. They may have had a few lessons before joining but that might have been some time ago and a few bad habits have begun to emerge. Why not book a sheet of ice and one of our LIR coaches will spend a couple of hours with the group to remind them of some of the basic delivery techniques...or maybe your more experienced members would appreciate the chance to have their own delivery analysed via our new video system. It would surprise you just how much you learn when seeing yourself deliver a stone, and having someone point out some improvements can make a huge difference to your game.

It's these kinds of things that can help to improve and develop a club and its members. You may be able to see other ways in which this might be done. Let us know and we'll help put together the application. If it's a good idea we'll pass it on to other clubs and let them have the benefit as well.



By Jim Morrison, Curling Development Officer

Report on Hamilton/Lanarkshire Ice Rink

December 2008

Coaching and Training Day

On 14/12/08, in conjunction with the Countryside Museum at Kittinghside by East Kilbride, we ran an all day exhibition of indoor curling/new age curling. This was very successful and produced around 20 names of adults and children who wished to try the real thing. As a follow on we had booked ice at Lanarkshire Ice Rink on Sunday 21st December. During the week leading up to the 21st I contacted all of those who had expressed an interest to confirm the details of Sunday's C & T and reserve a place for those who wished to come along.

On the day, 10 adults and 9 children enjoyed a two hour session with the benefit of two qualified coaches to introduce them to curling. The children in particular were very enthusiastic and very receptive to the idea of joining our After School Club. They were all given the details of forthcoming times and dates and will hopefully become regular members after the holidays. There were also some positive responses from the adults who were also given the details of all of our weekly coaching classes.

By Jim Morrison, Curling Development Officer

Sunday 1st Feb is the wheelchair clubs "no sweep" bonspiel It was very well supported last year and the W/C club feel it's important to keep this going in order to integrate with able bodied curlers. If we can just mention it's coming up and to take a note of the date, more details will follow on the notice boards....and, I'm forwarding you details of the Ladies International Day Bonspiel, again organised by the W/C club

Hamilton Ice Rink: 01698-282448
www.lanarkshireicerink.co.uk
Jim Morrison:
jmprop@btinternet.com



COACHING

By Jim Morrison

Those of you who only curl at LIR in the evenings may not be aware of the Curlings Cool programme we run in conjunction with South Lanarkshire Schools. Those who do curl AM and PM may be only too well aware of the programme as it's very hard not to notice, and hear, 30 ten year olds enthusiastically yelling "sweep". By Christmas we will have had over 900 attendances from schools, generating just under £2000.00 in revenue and using up 150 hours of coaching. All of this coaching is done voluntarily and a huge thanks is due to the people who give this time freely...but...they would really appreciate a little extra help. A couple of hours on a Monday or Friday morning, 10 till 12...or for the Junior club, Saturday 9 till 11.30. No coaching experience is required, just some curling common sense. A qualified coach will always be on hand.

If you wanted to think about some coaching qualifications we would be very pleased to take you through the process. To get some more information on what's involved in either helping or coaching, contact Jim on **07725 162960** or at **jmprop@btinternet.com**

Wheelchair Curling Bonspiel International Women's Day – Friday 6 March 2009

This event has been run for the last two years very successfully and it is hoped 2009 will be no exception. South Lanarkshire Wheelchair Curling Club hosts the event at Lanarkshire Ice Rink, Hamilton in association with the Scottish Wheelchair Curling Association and the RCCC.

We have once again been fortunate in receiving funding from the Scottish Community Foundation, Women's Fund for Scotland and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to enjoy this day of fun curling. There is once again a small budget to help with travel costs for curlers coming from the North.

This Bonspiel is open to both female wheelchair and able bodied curlers. There is a maximum of 32 places and it is hoped there will be equal numbers of wheelchair and able bodied curlers who may, if they choose, use a cue. As there will be 'no sweeping' so AB's will have to prove their skills! Any new wheelchair curlers who join your clubs before the event will be welcome, as will any able bodied female curlers from your areas. The format of the day includes lunch and usually ends about 3.30pm.

For those of you who may wish to know more about International Women's Day in general you will find out more at:

<http://www.internationalwomensday.com/about.asp>

Lanarkshire Ice Rink

Burns Supper

Saturday 24 January 2009 – 6:30 for 7pm



Bill of Fare

Cock a Leekie Soup or fruit juice

≈

Gateau of Haggis neeps and tatties

≈

Steak Pie, potatoes and vegetables
vegetarian option available on request

≈

Cranachan

≈

Tea or coffee with shortbread

George McFadzean, Forteviot Curling Club will address the haggis
Ian Fleming, Douglas Curling Club will be the chairperson for the evening
Bob Allan, Lesmahagow Curling Club will entertain us with songs by “The Bard”

Cost for the evening including a drink for the toasts - £20

Bottles of spirits for your table can be ordered and paid for in advance – please ask for more details if you are interested in this offer.

Please order your tickets through your committee, Kay Hamilton,
Lynn Robertson, Margo Steele or call Gillian Haggart on 01698 861653.

Lanarkshire Ice Rink

Burns Supper
Saturday 24 January 2009
6:30 – 7:00pm

“Happy to meet
Sorry to part
Happy to meet again”



President: Gillian Haggart
Chairperson: Ian Fleming

Piper: Jim McCoull

Loyal Toast - Ian Fleming

Toast to absent friends - Gillian Haggart

Bob Allan a sang "O the Bard"

Immortal Memory - George Cowan

A'nither sang "O the Bard"

Toast to the Lassies - Alex Fleming

"Tam O'Shanter" - George McDonald

Reply to the lassies - Christine Hall

Yet a'nither sang "O the Bard"

Toast to the Guests & artists -
David Haggart

Reply on behalf of the guests & artists -
George McFadzean

Bob Allan and The Company - "The Star O
Rabbie Burns"

Vote of Thanks Moray Deane

Auld Lang Syne

"When winter muffles up his cloak,
And binds the mire up like a rock;
When to the loughs the curlers flock,
Wi' gleesome speed,
Wha will they station at the cock?
Tam Samson's dead!

He was the king o' a' the core,
To guard, or draw, or wick a bore,
Or up the rink like Jehu roar
In time of need;
But now he lags on death's hog score, Tam Samsons dead!"

An exert from "Tam Samson's Elegy"

"The Star O'Rabbie Burns"

There is a star of beaming ray
Is shed on every cline:
It shines by night, it shines by day
And ne'er grows dim wi'time.
It rose upon the banks of Ayr,
It shon on Doon clear stream:
A hundred years are gang an'mair
Yet brighter grows its beam.

Let kings and courtiers rise and fa'
This world has mony turns:
But the brightest beam aboon them a'
The star O'Rabbie Burns

On Flames emblazon'd page
enshrined
His anem if foremeost now
And many a costly wreath's been
twin'd ,
To grace his honest brow.
Auld Scotland's heart expands with
Joy
Whene'er the day returns
That gave the world its pleasant boy
Immortal Rabbie Burns

Let kings and courtiers rise and fa'
This world has mony turns:
But the brightest beam aboon them a'
The star O'Rabbie Burns

"Auld Lang Syne"

Should auld acquaintance be
forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be
forgot
And auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne my dear
For auld lang syne
We'll tak a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne!

And there's a hand my trusty
fiere,
And gie's a hand o thine,
And we'll tak a right guid-willie
waught
For auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne my dear
For auld lang syne
We'll tak a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne!

Please rise and welcome your top table

"The Begynnyng" - Gillian Haggart

The Grace - Bob Parry

"The Soop"

Cock-a-leekie soup or fruit juice

"The Chieftain" - George McFadzean

Gateau of Haggis, neeps and tatties

Steak Pie, potatoes and vegetables

or

Vegetarian option

"The Desairt"

Cranachan

Coffee or Tea with shortbread

10 minute interval

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Wheelchair Curling Bonspiel

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Event Information

- Event Date: Friday 6th March 2009
- Time: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
- Venue: Lanarkshire (Hamilton) Ice Rink, Muir Street, Hamilton, ML3 6BS
- Closing Date: 27 Feb 2009
- Cost: £5 per person - Please make cheques payable to "South Lanarkshire Wheelchair Curling Club"
- Eligibility: All curlers must be:
- Female
 - New and inexperienced curlers are most welcome
- Contact: Angela Higson – 0141 644 0841
angelahigson@hotmail.com
- Maximum Numbers: There will be a maximum of 32 participants in this event. Spaces will be allocated to wheelchair curlers in the first instance and thereafter able bodied curlers.
- Entries to: International Women's Day - Wheelchair Curling Bonspiel c/o Angela Higson, 4 Park Drive, Thorntonhall G74 5AS
- Accommodation: Should overnight accommodation be required please contact Angela for information and rates

Format

Teams will be compiled on the day of the event. The format of the day will be morning coffee, 2 x 2 end games, lunch, 2 x 2 ends games and presentation of prizes.

How to enter

Complete the attached entry form and return together with entry fee to:

International Women's Day - Wheelchair Curling Bonspiel
c/o Angela Higson
4 Park Drive
Thorntonhall
G74 5AS

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Entry Form

Name: _____

**Delete as
appropriate**

Wheelchair user/Non Wheelchair

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel No: _____

Mob No: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Ice Rink: _____

Please enclose entry fee of £5 per person (cheques to be made payable to "South Lanarkshire Wheelchair Curling Club")

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Completed entry forms with entry fees should be sent by Friday 27 February 2009 to:

International Women's Day - Wheelchair Curling Bonspiel
c/o Angela Higson
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Thorntonhall
G74 5AS