



# Lanark Rocks

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## LANARK WINS PROVINCE KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP -13th February

What a final! There was far more excitement in this game than the opening curling game by Rhona Martin in the recent Olympics.

Skip (Bob Gray) successfully led Richard Gray, Donald MacRae and Douglas Toy to win the Province KO Championship.

Bob kept his team ahead for most of the game before losing a 3 in the penultimate end. This meant that Bob had to win 2 shots for the Championship. One shot was in the house and he needed to hit/roll for the second shot. His 'stone of destiny' was delivered : it over-curved : it took out the opposition stone and his stone remained but was it close enough? The thirds had to measure for second shot – if they measured once, they measured twice (that's how close it was). By a fraction of a millimetre, Bob had his second shot and won the Championship. He did not need to play another end but his grandmother needed a double brandy!!

Congratulations to all the team members.



It's a measure for second shot

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### Pick-ups:

- Lanarkshire Province AGM 14th March, Hamilton @ 1930hrs.
- Glaister Final 21st March @ 1955hrs
- Annual Dinner & Ceilidh 24th March @ 1930hrs.
- Closing Bonspiel and AGM @ 1745hrs.

## Waldie Griffiths Competition - 13th February

Lanark CC entered one rink for this trophy so off to Perth went Jack (Skip) + Anne Hood, Moray Deane and Jane Morton. It was the first time that we had played on true competition ice – the ice was more keen than that experienced at Stranraer! As Moray said "Anne, I can't do

any lighter" – referring to the weight given to his stones.

We were just about blowing the stones up the ice! We played against a local club so we had to learn quickly. Other Lanarkshire rinks were facing the same difficulties with one rink

not scoring at all..... happy to report that wasn't Lanark CC. Needless to say we lost our match, despite gaining 6 shots from one end, but the opposition were a smashing team of blokes and the banter was good.



### **Jolipestal Competition** 3rd February

Another successful Jolipestal competition was hosted by Lanark CC in February.

The full 6 curling sheets were used at 1230 pm and 3 pm.

Lanark Ladies came off the first shift with +13 shots – anybody would think they were due to



pick up the trophy. However, one should never discount Bryce Smith from Coulter who triumphed hugely against Douglas, in the second game.

Lanark Ladies had an overall score of +19 but Coulter CC was this year's outright winner with a score of +21 shots.

### **Stranraer Weekend** 11/12

February

Four rinks from Lanark curled at the Stranraer weekend with a few other partners providing moral support from the viewing gallery.

As usual, a very enjoyable weekend was had by all who took part. The hotel maintained its high standards of quality in terms of curling, food, drink and social facilities. The 'dance band' remain a blast-from-the-past but Anne Ramsay will still dance to any band, and, with any man!



A big thank-you to Anne Ramsay for organising the weekend. Anne has already booked for next year folks so she'll be looking for names soon.

Winner of this year's Silver Shovel went to the Mac-Rae's + the Fergusson's.



**Bob MacIntosh Trophy 5th March**

Bill Jackson skipped a Lanark team in the above competition.

The competition was over 4 ends per match with points required first then ends.

Lanark won their first two games so went top of their Section. However, we lost against Lesmahagow in the third game therefore narrowly failed to get into the play-offs. Perhaps next year?

The team were: Bill Jackson (Skip) Wilson Heatlie, Anne Hood, Jack Hood.

**Ayr Invitation Day 2nd March**

Lanark CC received a lovely invitation from the Ayr & Alloway CC for a friendly interclub match. Two teams travelled to Ayr for a thoroughly enjoyable game of curling followed by dinner afterwards (paid for by Ayr & Alloway).

It was nice to see Charlie and Hazel Steele again (former Lanark CC members) as well as meeting new people from the Ayr & Alloway club.

Playing on home ice is always an advantage – I say that quickly because Lanark narrowly lost both matches. However, we hope to reverse this score next year when we invite Ayr & Alloway to our Interclub Match to reciprocate their kind hospitality.

**Fanackapan Final - 2nd Feb**

Anne congratulates Sandra after her victory in the final. Both girls agreed that the wine would go a long way to soothe their frayed nerves.

**Interclub Evening 7th March**

A full turn out by all enabled a very enjoyable evening to be experienced by everyone. Lanark CC invited Dippool, Bellshill, Blantyre and Cadzow with Blantyre picking up the wine with a mere score of +1 shots up.

Alistair Mackintosh kept complaining to Donald MacRae, Neil Laing and Anne Hood for eating all the chocolates! You have to be quicker Alistair.....think of the calories you saved!

Thanks to all the Lanark members who supported the Interclub Evening



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## Annual Dinner/Dance and Presentation of Prizes

24th March

A reminder to all members that this most enjoyable event will take place at The New Lanark Hotel. Tickets will cost £26 each. Jack Hood is looking for your name now!

As in previous years, Gerry Burn's Reel Ceilidh Band will provide the evening's entertainment, so please support your club in the final social event of the 2005/06 season. Bring along friends and family too.

Just a reminder that this year the raffle prizes are to be provided by the Leads & Thirds.

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## And if you fancy a May weekend away?

### The Glaister Standings - 28th February

Angus	Richard	Donald	Bob
4 (-10)	8 (+15)	10 (+21)	7(+16)
Gregor	Bill	Ivan	
1 (-7)	2 (-21)	4 (-14)	

### And The Out - Turns:

We have just heard that Diane & Neil are expecting a second addition to their family. Great news. The only downside is that it is going to be a wee while before Diane will be joining us on the ice!